

## Writes Of Hazards In Driving Trucks Over Chinese Roads

In a letter dated "somewhere in Kweichow, China", Francis Starr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Starr, Newmarket, describes the difficulties in transportation encountered on Chinese roads. Written from the back of a truck which was suffering from motor trouble, Francis notes that, though vulnerable as far as bandits are concerned, the weather was some compensation, being warm and sunny.

Francis is attached to a Friends' Ambulance unit working out of China. Excerpts from his letter follow:

"I had high hopes that I'd be able to send you my Christmas message from Tengchow on the China-Burma border but fate was working against me and the other day I was started with a convoy to Chungking. At the present time I'm mounted on the tailboard of my truck with the bed-roll of a Philadelphia insurance underwriter for a seat and the trunk of a Scottish lab technician for a desk. Put your finger on the road half way from Kunming to Kweichow and you will have me covered.

"This is my first journey into this part of the country but I've seen few sections more desolate and more awe-inspiring than what I can see from here. There isn't a human being or human habitation in sight and all the good earth I can see is a mass of naked, rocky mountains reaching into the sky.

"The evening before last as we were nearing the top of a hill my engine gave up the struggle and since then we have been sitting here. I don't know what the bandit situation is here but we are certainly vulnerable. Nevertheless we have spent two nights in the open and will probably have to spend two more. We couldn't pow-wow (break down) under more favorable circumstances. The days are warm and sunny and there is a full moon at night. We had recently been given a good supply of rations by some evacuating Americans and I brought along a couple cases so we are more than surviving. A south-bound F.A.U. convoy went through yesterday and by now our plight should be known in Kutsing so a rescue mission should soon be here.

"A Ford truck that has been considerably altered by Chinese mechanics and Chinese roads since it said 'goodbye' to Dearborn has just wheezed by and the accompanying cloud of dust halted my literary operations for a bit. The delay has given me an opportunity for reflection on what things may be like back home just now. It's a little difficult to remember what winter is like as I sit here in the shade in a state of semi-nudity but I suppose Ontarians will soon be having weather that will remind them that Christmas is coming up fast."

## Pte. R. L. Fontaine Wins British Empire Medal

The British Empire Medal has been awarded to Pte. Robert Louis Fontaine, Newmarket, according to the most recent honors list.



PTE. R. L. FONTAINE

Pte. Fontaine, overseas for the last three and a half years, has in the last two years been a driver with the Canadian public relations unit.

A correspondent writing from overseas on the award to Pte. Fontaine said he "was just one of the guys and the number of close shaves he had would make the average infantryman's hair curl." Pte. Fontaine was in every campaign that the First Canadian Division and the First Canadian Corps waged. Pte. Fontaine went into the forward areas as often as nine or ten times a day.

Born in Newmarket, Pte. Fontaine went to school here. He enlisted five years ago. A sister, Mrs. George Chant, lives on Eagle St.

## If Christmas Made Escape, Said Failing In Meaning

Pickering College held its annual candlelight service Sunday night in the college auditorium which was filled with students and visitors from Newmarket. One of the features of the service was the Christmas chancel, a scene depicting the approach of all that is good in life and the retreat of evil with the birth of Christ. The scene, painted by one of the school artists, Fred Hagan, dominated the front of the auditorium.

Using as his subject The Fellowship Of Reconciliation, Headmaster Joseph McCully said that "if we celebrate the Christmas season without a thought of the world outside our doors, we are

using the occasion and the message it brings as a comfortable escape from the harsh realities that still exist in the world.

"The cry comes to us from starving thousands of our fellow men across the seas and some of our people are wondering just what their responsibilities are, forgetting that He whose birthday we are celebrating said 'feed your enemies.'"

Included in the service were such traditional carols as Silent Night and We, Three Kings Of Orient Are, as well as the First Canadian Christmas Carol, written for the Huron Indians by Father Brebeuf. The programs were designed by Rudy Renzius.

### HOME FOR CHRISTMAS



Cpl. John (Jack) Rose, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Rose, Orillia, formerly of Newmarket and Keswick, is expected home for Christmas after service overseas.

## MORE SKATING FOR SCHOOLS IN RINK SOUGHT

Continuing to build up the libraries in the public schools in Newmarket, the public school board Friday night authorized the three school principals to jointly spend up to \$1,000 on books for the classrooms.

The board also authorized expenditures for new fire extinguishers to replace those now in the schools and to increase the number of extinguishers in the halls and classrooms.

Members of the board agreed to forward a request to the arena committee of the Newmarket town council to increase the number of free hours for public school children.

At present, the arena is available to public school children for skating on Friday afternoons. The board is asking free time during the hours from 4 to 6 p.m. There are additional hours for public school boys playing hockey but outside of the Friday period, there is no free time for public school girls.

In this connection, Les Beazer, manager of the arena, appeared before the board earlier in the meeting and sought the board's assistance in providing adult helpers during the Friday skating period. Mr. Beazer asked that a number of parents help in instructing the children.

The board accepted the resignation of Miss Amelia Rogers, for many years on the public school teaching staff, who has been on sick leave since last summer. Miss Rogers' letter said that she was resigning because of ill-health.

The desks in Principal H. A. Jackson's grade eight room in King George school are being replaced by chairs and tables. The desks will be moved to Stuart Scott school.

## Veterans' Hockey Team Has First Work-Out

By BOB BENVILLE

The Newmarket Veterans' Association hockey team had its first practice work-out Monday night at the Memorial arena when many was the groan as old joints loosened and inactive muscles creaked. A score of prospects turned out for the first practice, all of them veterans of this war and pre-war hockey-ists.

The vets will play in a local league but if the calibre of their hockey warrants it, will probably seek outside groupings as well. In the meantime they will take out-of-town matches on an exhibition basis. The team proposes to dress in black and white sweaters with the initials N.V.A. (Newmarket Veterans' Association) worked on a crest.

Bert Ward, president of the association, is honorary president of the club. Al "Mickey" Smith, president, Norman Legge, secretary-treasurer, "Mac" McDonald, manager and coach, Myles MacInnis and Stan Evans, executive. Mr. Legge is also the new recording secretary.

Equipment seems to be the main source of worry at the moment with only one goal stick available and half a dozen sticks among the others. Old equipment in cellar and attic (wives take note) would be appreciated.

### PROGRESSES FAVORABLY

Murray Dixon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Dixon, underwent an appendicectomy last Thursday at York County Hospital. He is progressing favorably.



THE NEWMARKET ERA  
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## Editorial On Prior Fire Protested By Whitchurch

Whitchurch township council instructed their clerk to make reply to the alleged inference published in The Newmarket Era and Express last week to the effect that the council had been negligent in its duty in respect to providing proper fire protection for the residents of the north-west section adjacent to Newmarket.

The municipality has a contract with the Aurora fire department to cover the area, and members said that similar arrangements might have been made with Newmarket but that place was not interested until after the Aurora deal.

Said one member, "The fire to which the newspaper made reference was an unfortunate affair, but no fire brigade could have done more than Aurora, since the house in question was gutted before any alarm was sent in." Aurora brigade responded promptly.

(The fire in question destroyed the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Prior, Strigley St., within a half mile of Newmarket town limits, Dec. 10. Newmarket fire brigade did not attend the fire.)

Clerk Crawford was instructed to make reply, on motion of Councillor L. J. Harper, explaining the situation regarding attempted negotiations with the town of Newmarket in the past.

Another motion offered by Mr. Harper authorized the reeve to sign the request of Aurora high school board asking the county council to define the Aurora high school area in accordance with the Department of Education.

The War Assets Corporation submitted a list of goods for sale by tender after Jan. 2 next, including cranes, shovels and tractors.

The treasurer reported that with the payment of about \$250 in road accounts there was still a balance of about \$800 in the appropriation that is unexpended. Recently the budget was enlarged by \$1,800 and approved by the department of highways.

The total spent on roads this year is \$20,880.67 which included a big item for snow plowing last winter.

## District Boy Among Those Said Murdered By Nazis

Newmarket and district residents were shocked to hear last week that Pte. Henry C. Jones, Cedar Valley, was one of the 114 Canadian soldiers who were "allegedly murdered" by the Nazis when taken prisoner during the invasion of Normandy on D-Day, June 6, 1944.

Pte. Jones was the younger son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Jones who reside on a farm on the 7th concession of Whitchurch township. Mr. Jones is himself a veteran of the Great War.

Pte. Jones attended Shrubmount public and Pine Orchard continuation schools, and before his enlistment, he was employed in a Toronto electrical plant. Enlisting in September, 1943, Pte. Jones was just 18 years old when he went overseas in April, 1944 and had only been over two months when he took part in the big raid in which he lost his life.

Pte. Jones is survived by his parents and one brother, Bertie, who has been overseas for the past five years.

## Orville Ganton Heads Midget Hockey Group

North York Midget Hockey League was formed at a meeting in Newmarket council chambers on Monday evening. Orville Ganton was elected president.

Fred Hall, secretary-treasurer, and an executive committee of Simmons, Aurora; Campbell, Pickering College; and Kendal, St. Andrew's, was named.

Pickering will play their home games in Newmarket arena with St. Andrew's holding the fort in Aurora. The league is not affiliated and the schedule will be short so individual teams may enter the O.M.H.A. play-offs if they desire.

Newmarket's entry is headed by Eddie Gibson with Alf Smith secretary-treasurer, Harry Thomas, manager, and Fred Hall, coach. With a pee-wee school league and midget and juvenile district leagues, Newmarket is becoming a hockey hot-bed and should soon take its place with Ontario's top flight hockey towns again.

### EXPECTS DISCHARGE



LAC Dan Teasdale, R.C.A.F., arrived at his home last Thursday night after spending the past two and a half years overseas. He trained at Clinton and Montreal and was engaged in radar work. LAC Teasdale served in Iceland and Ireland and spent some time in England before returning home where he will spend a 30-day leave with his mother, Mrs. J. R. Teasdale, before reporting at Montreal for his discharge. Before his enlistment, LAC Teasdale was employed in the local branch of the Bank of Toronto.

## 5-PIN BOWLING LEAGUE TOPPED BY SPECIALTY

The Specialty bowling team is leading the 12-team town league as of Saturday night, according to figures from the league score sheet. The Specialty has a total of 23 points, two more than the second team, International Wood.

The rest of the league stands as follows: Clover Kickers, 20; Bender's, 19; Geer and Byers, 17; Budd's, 16; Deffavilland, 16; Metal Workers, 14; Engineers, 14; Gilroy's, 12; and Dixon's and Victor's, 10.

Members of the teams are: Specialty, Bennett, Bond, Simmons, Wesley, Pemberton and Closs; International Wood, Melko, Walther, F. Wesley, M. Wesley, Keats;

Clover Kickers, W. Davis, Breen, R. Eves, Crone, Jones, C. Eves;

Bender's, Wadsworth, Wilson, LaGoode, Weddel, Bender, McInnis;

Geer and Byers, Geer, Shanko, Devitt, Newton, Craig, Evans; Budd's, Budd, Luck, Brice, Patterson, Smith, Gibson;

Deffavilland, Gibson, Cumber, Stuffles, VanZant, Hughes, Yates; Metal Workers, Hopkinson, McKnight, Whittell, Price, Gibson, Lyon;

Engineers, Bain, Philip, Campbell, Gordon, Webb, Walden; Gilroy's, Deaves, Stickwood, Thompson, Gordon, Hisey, Gilroy;

Dixon, Courtney, Smart, Wilson, Ang Smith, Bill Dunn, Robinson;

Victor's, Gatti, V. Giovanelli, J. Giovanelli, Cantania, Samoni, Gunn.

Keats leads in the high average list with 216 in 24 games. Webb has 207 for 18 games, Bennett, 203 for 24 games, W. Davis, 202 for 26 games, McInnis, 197 for 24 games, Geer, 193 for 19 games, Pemberton, 193 for 18 games.

Webb has a high score of 767 for three games flat, Brice with handicap has a total of 814 for three games. Keats has 312 as high for single game while Yates has 325 for handicap in a single game.

## ROBERT LUNDY DIED AT SANDFORD HOME

Robert Lundy, Sandford, died at his home Dec. 10 following an illness due to a heart condition. He had been sick two years. Funeral services were held at his home Dec. 12 with interment in Hartman.

Born in Scott township, September, 1875, the son of Jane and Enoch Lundy, he married Ann Oldham in 1905. She predeceased him in 1928. Identified with the Sandford United church, his occupation was farming.

He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Walter Carruthers (Wilhelmine), a brother, John, Mount Albert, and two sisters, Mrs. A. Cain, Sandford, and Mrs. J. Cain, Mount Albert.

Pallbearers were Robert Harwood, Norman Dick, Thomas Kydd, Irwin Kydd, Frank Jones and Edgar Smydd.

## Carols, Gifts Mark Closing Of Schools For Holiday Season

The school-rooms of all the town schools have put on a festive dress this week and all the children are agog with excitement as the year's most looked-for holiday draws near.

At the King George school, Principal H. A. Jackson stated each room had prepared its own program and on Thursday morning the best numbers from each room were presented for the benefit of the whole school. On Thursday afternoon the public and parents were invited to come to the school and they saw the same numbers that were presented in the morning. Following the open session the children returned to their rooms where they continued their own programs. On Friday morning there will be games and refreshments and the usual Christmas treat will be given to all the children.

There was carol singing in the mornings for the past two weeks by the entire school. On Friday night from 7 to 8 o'clock the senior grades will sing carols to the shut-ins around town.

The Alexander Muir school have made good use of their new loud-speaker system this week, Principal Fred Hall said, as a different room has presented a worship service every morning. On Thursday afternoon the public and parents were invited to the school when the program consisted of numbers by each of the different rooms, with the

### BOXING DAY HOLIDAY

Boxing Day, Wednesday, Dec. 26, has been proclaimed a civic holiday by Mayor Dr. L. W. Dales following a practice established in recent years.

programs broadcast over the loud-speaker so that the pupils in each room could hear it. The school-rooms have all been gaily decorated by the pupils and will be open to the public. On Friday morning there will be a worship service and then the entire school will listen to the broadcast of carols from Toronto. This will be followed by the usual treat of Christmas goodies.

The three rooms at the Stuart Scott school presented a program on Thursday afternoon. Principal Miss E. Denne stated. There were drills, four plays, a minstrel show and several individual numbers. On Friday morning there will be the usual exchange of gifts and treats for all the pupils. From 9 to 9.30 every morning this week the entire school has joined in carol singing.

The three public schools will close for the holiday week on Friday noon.

At St. John's school, all preschool children were the guests of the older pupils on Thursday afternoon when there was a gaily decorated tree, exchange of gifts and the annual treat.

## Wolves Still A Problem For Farmers, Motorists

### IN THE FIGHT

LAC Kenneth Beckett is now spending a leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Beckett, Tecumseh St., after recently receiving his discharge from the R.C.A.F. in which he served as an equipment assistant. LAC Beckett enlisted in June, 1943, and served at Trenton, Toronto and Greenwood, N.S., and in February, 1945, he went to Iceland where he served six months. On his return to Canada he was posted to Sydney, N.S. Before his enlistment, LAC Beckett was employed by the Loblaw Groceries Co. Ltd. He now plans to further his education in Toronto early in the new year.

Sgmn. Franklin H. Boyd, youngest son of Dr. and Mrs. S. J. Boyd, who recently returned home from overseas, received his discharge on December 6 and plans to continue his education at the University of Toronto in the new year.

Leading-Writer Bruce Hunter, H.M.C.S. Stadacona, Halifax, expects to spend Christmas with his wife and family.

Tpr. George Mills, son of Mrs. Eva Mills, returned home last week after four years overseas. He is a grandson of Mrs. Myrtle Brilling.

LAC John Fraser, Greenwood, N.S., expects to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Fraser.

### WED AT PARSONAGE

A quiet wedding was solemnized at the Free Methodist parsonage, Newmarket, on Saturday, Dec. 8, when Ruth Lorna Linstead, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Linstead, was united in marriage to Ivan Reesor Fairbairn, son of Edward Fairbairn and the late Mrs. Fairbairn, of Ravenshoe. Rev. G. H. Bache officiated.

### SHIP CLOTHING

The Women's Prayer group of the Newmarket Gospel Tabernacle packed and shipped three bales of clothing to missionaries in the north.

### Mail Volume Heavier

## Than '44, Says Postmaster

A heavier volume of Christmas mail than the previous year is being handled in the Newmarket post office, Postmaster Laurie Cane reported late this week. "It is coming heavy but we aren't up against it like last year," he said.

Last year's mail service was complicated by the heavy fall of snow before Christmas which blocked roads and delayed trains. So far, little trouble has been experienced from the weather.

Five high school pupils are being employed in the post office, in addition to the regular staff of five, to help out during the Christmas rush.

Mr. Cane said that the post office would be closed Christmas and New Year's days and Wednesday afternoon since it was declared a civic holiday. H. M. Gladman, express agent, said that express orders were heavy and that inexperienced help was a problem in the main distributing centres.





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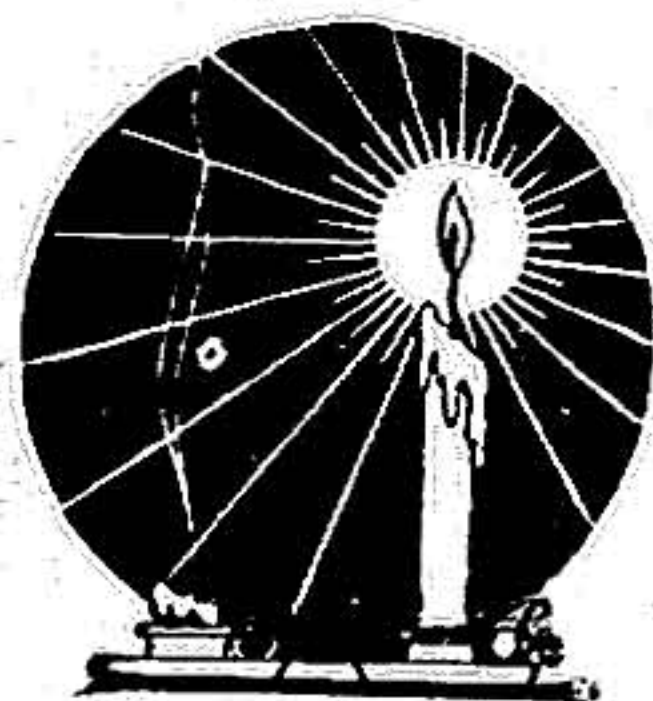
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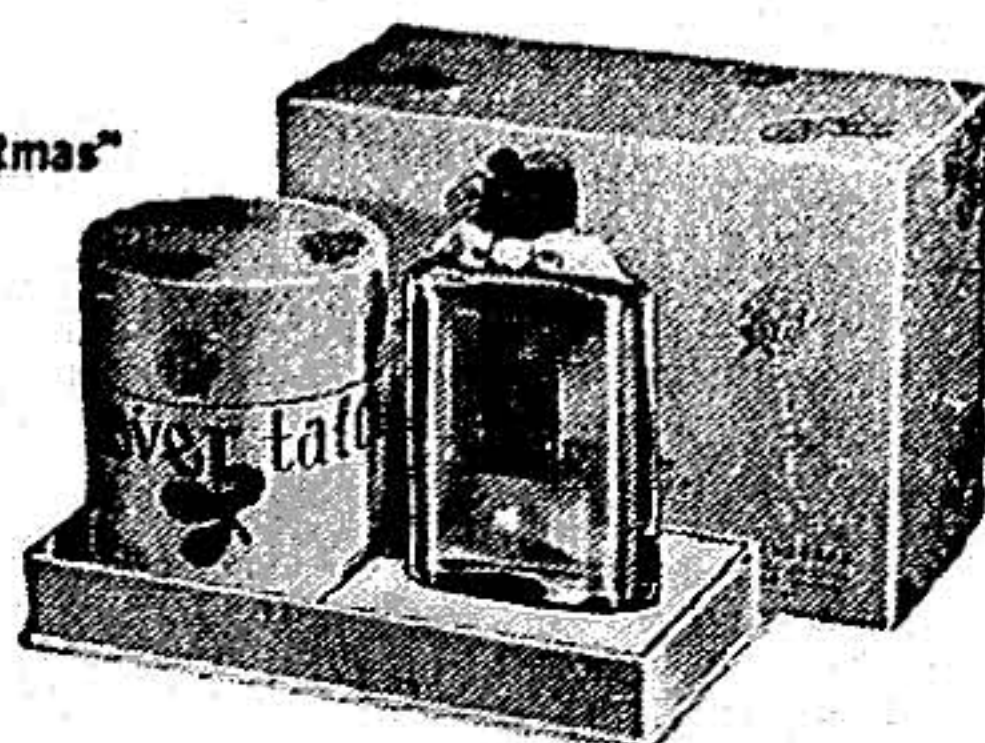
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## AGAIN, THE NEED FOR MERCHANTS' ASSOCIATION

The need for a businessmen's association on Main St. is demonstrated once again this Christmas season. There will be no Christmas market to speak of this year because nothing has been done towards organizing it on a large scale and advertising it among the farmers and potential purchasers. There was no Santa Claus parade because there was no one to organize it. Everyone has been "too busy" to do anything.

The customers are in the dark as to store hours and holidays. How late will stores stay open? Will they be open Monday? There has been no association that could act in the interests of all merchants by declaring the hours stores will be open and what holidays they will observe. Here, is poor service to the public.

This Christmas has been a successful one from the merchants' point of view. There is plenty of buying power and while war enforced shortages still persist, there is more stock on the shelves than last year. Main St. merchants have enjoyed considerable prosperity but what of the years ahead? Can they always count on getting by as they have this year without the benefit of a Christmas market, and a Santa Claus parade, and the service to customers in the way of announcing hours and holidays?

Merchants will find that in the coming years, there will be more competition from other towns and Toronto. As transportation becomes easier, more money will go to the city. As merchandise becomes available, more will shop in larger centres. Unless the merchants can advertise Newmarket as a shopping centre through a Christmas market and Santa Claus parade, to mention only two methods, they will find they are losing much potential business.

The going is easy now. Before it becomes hard, the merchants would be advised to form a businessmen's association to protect themselves from outside competition, to organize merchants in the matter of closing hours and holidays, and to advertise Newmarket as a shopping centre. They must act now or it will be too late.

## ANOTHER SIDE TO FARMERS' INCOME TAX

Last week, there appeared on this page, under the heading, What Others Think, an editorial from The Financial Post, Toronto, which contained figures which purported to show that the farmer lagged far behind the rest of the population in the payment of income tax. According to the figures contained in the article, income taxes paid by the farmers on the 1943 income amounted to \$7.2 millions which was 1.4 percent of the total income tax paid for that year.

The editorial continued: "In the meantime the public remains in the dark as to what progress if any has been made in clearing up an altogether unsatisfactory situation."

"Dominion tax officials have intimated that an army of collectors would be needed to enforce the income tax act so far as agriculture is concerned. They have offered this as an excuse for the relatively poor showing so far revealed of tax collections from farmers."

The editorial urges that the matter be turned over to the senate committee investigating income taxation for consideration of not only ways to collect the tax but also the repeated assertion that income taxes on farmers are too high.

From the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, however, comes the announcement of a brief

presented by the president, H. H. Hannam, before the senate committee, urging a revision of income tax laws as they apply to the farmer. Mr. Hannam offers three major recommendations: that the farmers' income for taxation purposes be averaged over a period of at least four years; that farm workers be exempted from tax deductions at the source; the establishment of a "basic herd plan" to overcome the difficulties found in assessing income tax returns from herd reduction or dispersal sales. A fourth consideration was that a farmer is not permitted any allowance as a substitute for wages nor can his wife have the advantage of earning up to \$660 without taxation as far as her work on the farm is concerned.

The need for an averaged basic income for taxation purposes is obvious. Weather and price fluctuations give the farmer a wide range of income over the course of several years. In one year he might have a high income while the previous year, he may have operated at a loss. Paying tax on an irregular income is more costly than paying it on a steady income.

As far as tax deduction at the source for farm workers is concerned, it is argued that farmers who adhere to the regulations often lost their help or had to pay the tax out of their own pockets. The recommendation for a "basic herd plan" arises from the regulation which at present considers all returns from herd sales as income, irrespective of the capital invested in the breeding herd.

From the argument advanced by Mr. Hannam it would appear that it is not a case of farmers wishing to "beat the government" on income taxes as implied by The Financial Post figures, but of making the methods of income taxation conform with existing conditions. There is no encouragement for the farmer to pay his tax if he is taxed in a manner, which as indicated by Mr. Hannam, takes no consideration of conditions governing his income.

## WATCH THE STONES, POP

One of the surest ways of testing ice to see whether it is hard enough for a good game of shinny, according to school boy tradition, is to throw a rock on it. If the ice cracks, another day of freezing is indicated. If the ice rings true, out with the skates and hockey sticks. There is only one disadvantage to this practice, the accumulation of stones is quite a hazard to more elderly skaters. Where the shinny player would go over stones with his skates without a passing thought, his father is more likely to trip and spend the rest of the winter nursing a sprained back. In the interests of posterity, we suggest that if the shinny players must throw stones, they throw only little ones so that their fathers may be preserved a few years longer.

## What Others Think

### THE WAILING GERMANS

(The Sun, Swift Current)

It has come to pass. A despatch last week indicated that German resentment against United States occupation methods is developing gradually into bitter hatred which is giving rise to increasing talk of resistance. Investigators have found, in a survey, that the Germans "seem to feel that they have suffered enough, whatever their crime." That is something the world will have to guard against.

The German people who accepted with deep satisfaction the boastful statements of Fat Herman Goering that millions of Europeans would starve to death before one German went hungry; who turned out in millions to "hell" the wanton bombing of Rotterdam, the studied extermination by cruel murderous methods of Russians, Poles, Jews, Czechs and followed blindly the leadership of the most vicious coterie of gangsters the world has ever seen, are weeping crocodile tears now.

What they have and are suffering at the hands of occupation forces now cannot even be remotely compared with that which the French, Belgian, Norwegians, Poles or Netherlands experienced during the Nazi occupation. The nation which started two wars designed for conquest of the world must take its medicine—and the Lord way. There is no other course, merciful as the ways of the democratic nations are, to teach them a lesson. To get soft now is inviting trouble.

## IS HOME



Pte. Kenneth King, Holt, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel King. Pte. King spent one year overseas, serving in Holland, Belgium, Italy and Germany. He arrived home recently. Mrs. King, the former Violet Ramsay, resides at Holt.

## ECLIPSE

By GOLDEN GLOW

Tuesday evening, there was a total eclipse of the moon. It was a night to remember with pleasure. Earlier, radio announcers had said that the eclipse would take place Christmas Eve but they discovered their mistake in time to let us know it would be Tuesday.

The conditions for viewing this spectacle of nature were perfect. I am truly sorry for anyone who missed seeing it for we may never have a chance just like it again. It began between 7.30 and 8 p.m. and was over by 11 p.m. One description was that it looked like a huge, red Christmas tree bulb suspended in the sky and I think that description fits it perfectly.

The shadow appeared first at the left hand side of the moon and it was amazing how quickly it progressed until the face of the moon was covered. The stars shone with magnificent brilliance, particularly during the total eclipse. It was a grand Christmas treat. Now, while I may, let me wish a merry Christmas to all the readers of The Era and Express.



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## 25 YEARS AGO

From The Era and Express files,  
Dec. 17, 1920.

Strathdee's orchestra, Toronto, provided the music for the dance Friday evening in the I.O.O.F. hall.

Christmas market will be on Tuesday, Dec. 21.

Four of Dr. Ames' family are sick with the mumps.

A father and son banquet was held in the Christian church Sunday-school room on Thursday evening and 70 sat down for dinner.

Citizens of Newmarket are warned that failure to remove snow from the sidewalks and dumping of ashes in the streets will not be tolerated.

The Bell Telephone Co. is installing underground wires across Main St. preparatory to occupying their new premises in the Rogers' Block.

All the present members of the council will stand for re-election next year.

The mild weather is helping out the coal situation.

The 127th battalion held a reunion on Thursday evening at the Central Y.M.C.A., Toronto.

## 50 YEARS AGO

From The Era and Express files,  
Dec. 20, 1895.  
The annual meeting for the nomination of trustees for the

separate school will be held on Thursday.

A gang of nine men are repairing the railway bridge north of the Newmarket depot.

Good sleighing brought a big crowd to the town on Saturday and between 10 a.m. and 12 noon the Main St. and stores were crowded. There also was a good market and turkeys sold readily at 8 cents a pound. Fresh eggs remained at 22 cents, butter was a little lower at 14 cents a pound.

Friday morning the thermometer registered 33 below freezing point, and during Thursday night registered 10 below zero.

The pupils of Miss Cameron's division at the Model school had their final jollification on Friday afternoon in the form of a taffy-treat.

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We wish you all the  
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TREAT THE FAMILY  
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**MIDNIGHT  
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TWO EXCELLENT  
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After skating, dancing or  
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We Wish You All  
THE SEASON'S  
GREETINGS

### NEWMARKET MEMORIAL ARENA HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

FIGURE SKATING CLASSES  
Saturday Afternoons, 1-5 p.m.

PUBLIC SKATING

Dec. 21: 8 to 10 p.m. Dec. 22: 8 to 10 p.m.  
Dec. 24: 8 to 10 p.m.

CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON AND EVENING  
2 to 4 p.m. and 8 to 10 p.m.

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Monday,  
Dec. 26, 27, 28 and 31, afternoons and evenings,  
2 to 4 p.m. — 8 to 10 p.m.

NEW YEAR'S AFTERNOON AND EVENING  
2 to 4 p.m. and 8 to 10 p.m.  
Thursday, Jan. 3, opening hockey game

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

All of you I do not know  
Tho' everywhere I say "hello,"  
So through this medium I'd like to say  
"Greetings in Sport" on this festive day.  
"Les" Beazer.

FEEL YOUNG  
AND GAY  
THIS ...

NEW YEAR'S  
EVE

at

**CLUB 14, NEWMARKET  
MILLARD AVE.**

MAX BOAG AND HIS ORCHESTRA  
Dancing from 9 till 2

MAKE IT A DATE ...

MONDAY, DEC. 31

HATS, HORNS, NOVELTIES

Admission 75c and 50c

DANCING CHRISTMAS NIGHT  
AND NEW YEAR'S NIGHT

Regular Prices  
Refreshment Bar

THERE'S A GOOD  
TIME A-WAITIN'  
THIS ...

NEW YEAR'S  
EVE

at

**Middlebrook's Dance Hall**

ARMITAGE

Good Orchestra Dancing from 9 till 2  
Old-Time and Modern Dancing

MONDAY, DEC. 31

PLAN NOW TO ATTEND

Hats, Horns — and fun for all  
also dancing

NEW YEAR'S NIGHT, CHRISTMAS  
EVE AND CHRISTMAS NIGHT

Regular prices

WE WISH YOU ALL A  
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A  
HAPPY NEW YEAR

MAMMOTH ...

**SKATING PARTY  
QUEENSVILLE ARENA**

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Three hours of skating — 10 p.m. till 1 a.m.

Skate the old year out and the New Year in

Refreshments served at lunch bar

SKATING CHRISTMAS DAY AND  
NEW YEAR'S DAY — 8-10 P.M.

We wish our patrons and friends a  
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

### ZEPHYR

The regular monthly meeting of the Zephyr Women's Institute was held in the Community Hall December 12. The meeting opened as usual, followed by minutes, roll-call and business. The program as follows was much enjoyed by all: Christmas carols; solo, Marie Mitchell; duet, Mrs. Harman and Mrs. Cooper of Mount Albert; Christmas In Other Lands, described by Mrs. Sinclair, Mount Albert; solo, Mary Ellen Law; exchange of Christmas gifts.

The meeting closed by singing God Save The King followed by the usual social half-hour.

Mrs. James Galbraith is visiting in Buffalo for a week where she attended the wedding of her niece.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Armstrong spent last Wednesday in Toronto. Mr. and Mrs. Howard McKeown visited Mr. and Mrs. Tillman Meyers last Wednesday.

Mr. John Galbraith spent Monday in Toronto and Malton.

A large number attended the shower for Mr. and Mrs. Howard Berry last Thursday evening at Mr. and Mrs. R. Miller's home. The couple received a number of lovely gifts.

Messrs. Raymond and Clayton Bartlett and Miss Kathleen Bartlett spent Monday evening in Toronto where they visited their cousin, Roy Hulbert, who returned from overseas Monday morning.

### A CHRISTMAS THREESOME



Pictured above are the three children of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Baile, Newmarket. They are, left to right, Dianne, three, Cary, five, and Bonnie Joy, four. Photo by Budd.

### ARENA NEWS

By LES BEAZER

It's Christmas coming up and our schedule is advertised elsewhere in this issue. As you can see, we have skating afternoon and evening all through the holidays and we hope all the children will take advantage of these afternoon sessions.

The Newmarket and district hockey league, under the presidency of James Walker, will begin its schedule January 3 at 8 p.m. We will have a super-duper opening.

Boy, what a team the vets have. We hereby challenge all vets' teams anywhere. O.K. Mickey? The hockey fans in Newmarket are in for a big surprise.

Roche's Point has been on the ice for one practice and they, too, have a powerhouse aggregation and 200 bucks worth of equipment.

Bing Caswell and the R.S.M. are in there fighting with the camp team and its every morning at 10 o'clock getting the team whipped into shape.

I haven't seen the merchants' team yet but they are scouring the country and last night was the first practice session. I'll tell you about them next week.

The juvenile C team goes on the ice tonight and is out to win a championship or bust.

The figure skating club is all set and this Saturday should see about 50 or 60 out.

Both professionals are very happy about the talent and their enthusiasm is sure to spread. Someday we may have a champ in our club.

Mrs. Muirhead is the president and Shirley Andrews secretary-treasurer. "Dean" will answer any questions about the club if you call in and see her at Alec's.

Fred Hall has his midgets in line and the first practice is Friday night at 7 p.m.

Know of any good records we can add to our library of skating records? If you do, let us know and we will buy them as we always like to keep our program new, alive and peppy. Thanks.

Did you know that Wednesday at 3 a.m. was the lowest

temperature we have had this year? It was three above zero on Main St. Thought it was colder, didn't you? Well, I only look at thermometers about ten times each night. The one in front of the King George Hotel, Wainman's, Office Specialty and our own and that's what they read.

### LOCAL MARKET

The Christmas market will be held in the market building Friday with the market scheduled to open at 1 p.m.

### TORONTO MARKETS

Butter, creamery solids, No. 1, was 36 cents a pound on the Toronto markets on Tuesday morning. First grade creamery prints were 38 cents a pound.

Country dealers were quoted on graded eggs, cases free, delivered to Toronto, as follows: grade A large, 37 cents a dozen; grade A medium, 32 cents; and grade A pullets, 32 cents.

Prices in the poultry section included: chickens, grade A, milk fed, over 5 pounds, 32 cents a pound; fowl, grade A, over 4 pounds, 26 cents; ducks, grade A, 27 cents; geese, grade A, 26 cents; and turkeys, grade A, 37 cents.

Weighty steers were \$11.25 to \$12.90, butcher steers, \$9.50 to \$12, heifers, \$11.75 down, butcher cows, \$7.75 to \$9.75, canners and cutters mostly \$5.50 to \$7.50, bulls, \$7.25 to \$9.75, fed yearlings, \$12 to \$13.50.

Calves were \$15 to \$16 for choice, with plain vealers downward to \$9.

Lambs were \$15 to \$15.50 for good ewes and wethers with a few Southdowns up to \$17 and culls \$9 to \$13. Sheep were \$3 to \$9.25.

Hogs were \$18.35 to \$18.50 for grade A dressedweight, and \$17.95 to \$18.10 for grade B1. Sows were mostly \$18.

### MEET DECEMBER 27

The Senior Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society of the Congregational-Christian church will meet at the home of Mrs. A. B. Stein on Thursday, Dec. 27, at 2.30 p.m.

### RECEIVE DONATIONS

Donations of \$5 from Mrs. George Luesby and \$7.14 from Chief Constable James F. Leeder have been received for the Newmarket Veterans' Association Welfare fund.

### SEASON'S GREETINGS

May Peace and  
Happiness be yours  
at Christmas  
and throughout  
the New Year

**DORIS  
LADIES' WEAR**



With grateful acknowledgment of your courtesies and the evidences of your good-will that have made service a pleasure to us, we wish you a Christmas and New Year of Happiness and Prosperity

**W. C. LUNDY**  
DRY GOODS

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Main St., Newmarket

### SEASON'S GREETINGS

In appreciation  
of our pleasant business  
relations we value this  
opportunity of wishing  
you the  
Season's Greetings

**D. H. FINES**  
JEWELLER

### SEASON'S GREETINGS

God Wishes are always in season, but at this time of the year particularly, we like to send Greetings to you all, together with Sincere Wishes for a Joyous Holiday Season and a New Year of Health, Happiness and Contentment.

**CECIL TAYLOR**

IMPERIAL SERVICE STATION

Corner Huron and Main Sts.







### GIVE CHRISTMAS GOOSE TO TOWN EMPLOYEES

Aurora town employees are receiving a goose from the municipality with Christmas greetings this year. The town council approved the expenditure on Saturday with 12 employees to be looked after.

"Our employees have done a good job throughout the year," said Mayor Ross Linton.

"The gift was well received last year," said Clerk A. C. A. Willis.

### YOUR MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Wish For Every Citizen of Aurora a Very

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A  
HAPPY NEW YEAR

Ross Linton, Mayor  
C. E. Sparks, Reeve

A. A. Cook, Deputy-Reeve

Councillors:

A. N. Fisher, Elwood Davis, R. V. Smith, Dr. C. Rose,  
Fred Rowland, William West

### CLASSIFIEDS CAN BE OF SERVICE TO YOU

SERVING AURORA AND DISTRICT

## Lieut. N. S. Addie Cooney Awarded Red Cross Medal

First woman graduate of Aurora high school to be decorated is Lieut. Nursing Sister Addie Cooney, Schomberg, who has been awarded the Royal Red Cross medal, Second Class. Lieut. Cooney enlisted in the R.C.A.M.C. early in the war and saw service in both Italy and on the western front.

When landing in Italy, the ship which she was aboard was torpedoed and she, along with other nursing sisters, spent several

hours in the water. She was in action close to the front line for several months and returned from overseas a few months ago.

Another Schomberg district resident was also included in the recent awards. Cpl. J. C. Turton was goaltender on the Schomberg hockey club in pre-war days. He enlisted in 1941, going overseas the same year. He served both in Italy and in France. Cpl. Turton was awarded the British Empire Medal.

**EXPECT RECORD MAIL**  
Postmaster George Walker requests that Christmas mail for Aurora be bundled before posting to enable the local staff to handle the heavy rush of mail. Four additional clerks have been added and Mr. Walker says everything points to a record amount of mail being handled by the Aurora office this year.

## MAYOR, REEVE TO STAND AGAIN

Mayor Ross Linton will be a candidate for the mayoralty in 1946, he announced at the final meeting of Aurora town council on Saturday evening. With the exception of Councillor Fred Rowland, who will not be a candidate because of ill-health, it would appear likely that the entire 1945 council will seek office.

Council met with only a bare quorum for their final meeting, with Councillors A. N. Fisher and Dr. Crawford Rose detained on business and Deputy-Reeve Asa Cook away through illness.

"I received 100 percent co-operation from council members and town employees," Mayor Linton said. "One feature I regret is that there were not enough committee meetings during the year. That is where the work should be done, not in council. We spent too much time discussing matters that were the committee's business this year. Being short one member of council didn't help either. I will be a candidate regardless of who opposes me."

"I expect to be a candidate again," said Reeve C. E. Sparks. "I had thought of retiring once but there are some things I would like to see completed. Our stop-light will be erected by spring. Toronto is again interested in roads being built. We should see that No. 11 Highway is included in the program. I agree with the mayor that there should have been more committee meetings. I called one meeting and only the mayor attended. I want to congratulate the mayor. He has been more than faithful in carrying out his duties."

"I am greatly interested in seeing more supervised recreation in town," said Councillor R. V. Smith. "It is time we did something to improve the town park, with games for the smaller children, a softball diamond, and other items. There is no reason why we couldn't provide an open-air rink with lights for skating, too. The rink schedule is too full to give all a chance. I want to see a housing scheme. We need strong men with determination as candidates. I will run again."

"I would like to come back to council once more. I learned a lot this year, which will be useful another year," said Councillor Elwood Davis.

"I regret my business didn't allow me to do all I wanted to do," Councillor William West told council. "I am uncertain as yet as to whether I can do more outside of council for some of the things we need than as a member of council. I am much in favor of quick action on a community hall. I am very much in favor of a V.O.N. nurse. I will make my mind up before nomination but I would like to see more accomplished another year."

While not present at the meeting it is understood that Deputy-Reeve Cook will definitely be a candidate again, and that Councillors Fisher and Rose will again stand.

Town Solicitor L. C. Lee congratulated council on their work. "You have improved the town's position which is gratifying. I hope that next year's council will be able to lower the tax rate. It is the best advertising the town can have and will encourage industry and building which we need badly. We have a new school facing us, but we shouldn't let that stop us spending money on needed projects. We hear extensive improvements will be needed at the arena next year to maintain our investment. It is just questionable if we shouldn't be considering artificial ice. The reeve spoke of the work done at county council, and what was needed to get things done. I am one who thinks county council might well be abolished and more power given the local councils. It seems to me that the county only duplicates what the province is already doing. We are over-governed in my opinion."

In addition to the members of council, nominations will be held on New Year's Eve for three school trustees and a hydro commissioner, who will be elected for a two-year term.

The terms of Dr. C. J. Devins, Fred Davis and Clarence Donnelly have expired and it is believed all three will seek to retain their seats on the board.

## LIONS LEAGUE STARTS PLAY

The Aurora Lions bantam hockey league, which will be featured at the Aurora arena each Thursday night after the New Year, got underway on Tuesday. Coaches Del Babcock and Bill Holloway have divided the players' lists in a manner to provide the most even competition. The majority of the youngsters are 14 and under with a few 15-year-olds, who will be playing O.M.H.A. midges, in the line-ups.

On Monday nights, practices will be held and the O.M.H.A. teams will play regular league games. The bantam games start at 5:45 p.m.

Last year Red Wings won the championship but their players are scattered this season. The miniature N.H.L. series is popular with both players, parents and fans, and the stars of the future play a good brand of hockey.

The rosters are:  
**Maple Leafs**  
Capt. Gerald Simmons; Howard Mason, Bill Carlyle, Leo Anthony, Ted Dobson, Norm Wilcox, Fred White, Buddy Graham, B. Andrews, Lynn Easterbrook, Bob Flicker, Douglas Wells, D. Bruce, Wilkie Fleury, Patrick Davies, Bob Borden.

**Bruins**  
Capt. Ray Rogers; D. Milne, Bruce Wray, C. Case, Jim Brown, Robt. Stephenson, Gordon Bergman, Ross Linton, Frank Lee, Garry Hewitt, Tracey Barrager, David Harrison, Walter Fines, Donald Morning, Bill McCachen, Bill Beazer.

**Rangers**  
Capt. Ralph Rank; L. Graham; J. Gilbert, B. Wilkinson, J. Summers, R. Comfort, R. Ash, E. Summers, K. Fines, J. Boyle, L. Parsons, Tom Hulme, Ted Marston, W. Steadman, E. Eveleigh, Ronald Geddes, Jim Crystdale.

**Red Wings**  
Capt. Bill MacGinn; Bob Warlow, Hugh MacRae, Grant Preston, Andy Closs, Malcolm Urquhart, Bobbs Cook, Ralph Rose, Ross Collins, Ronald Smith, Chas. Marston, Gerald Chapman, Bill Waite, Grant Winters, Jim Raeside, John Hodgkinson.

## HIT-AND-RUN DRIVER IS SOUGHT BY POLICE

Thirteen-year-old Fred Southwood had a narrow escape from serious injury on Thursday evening when he was struck by a hit-and-run driver while delivering daily papers after school. Fred was on Yonge St. south and was struck from behind, his wheel being completely wrecked. Fortunately he fell towards the sidewalk, suffering severe cuts on the head, cheek, nose and ear, as well as suffering shock. No bones were broken.

The lad was stunned and was discovered at the side of the road by Archie Cousins. The motorist failed to stop and police are working on the theory his automobile must have been damaged by the mishap. So far no eyewitnesses are available. Chief Constable Fisher Dunham is investigating.

## WITH THE FORCES

Sgt. Frank Hill, R.C.A.F., has returned home from Newfoundland. He expects to receive his discharge early in the New Year. C.Q.M.S. Reg. Southwood, Long Branch camp, spent the weekend at his home.

OS Isben Webb, R.C.N.V.R., a former employee of the Collis Leather Co., is on leave from the navy prior to receiving his discharge.

Cpl. Alan Stephenson, Hamilton, spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Laverne Stephenson.

Wren Ninette Hollingsworth has been posted from Ottawa to Esquimaut, B.C.

Pte. Ernie Davis, who returned from overseas a few months ago, has received his discharge.

Sgt. Albert Holman, R.C.O.C., Montreal, Que., reported for discharge to No. 2, D.D., Toronto, this week.

Sgt. Alfred Bolsby, R.C.A.F., has received his discharge after five years on active service. He is residing in Aurora.

Dr. Devins is chairman of the board, a post he has held for 24 of the 25 years he has been on the board. Mr. Davis has been a trustee for close to 20 years.

With the formation of a Home and School Association and plans being made for a new school, interest in the school board elections are keener than in many years and it is believed several new candidates will be nominated.

## 'Our Town Art' Raises \$100 For Memorial Fund

Over \$100 was raised for the Aurora Board of Trade Memorial Site Fund by Aurora's group of 12 artists whose exhibition, 'Our Town Art', was well received both as visual entertainment and a cultural delight.

Following classes on Friday afternoon, the high school auditorium was redecorated with dull grey and the lighting re-vamped to provide an appropriate setting for the 77 oils, water colors and sketches on display. Bertram Wilson, Aurora commercial traveler, was top exhibitor with 12 oils, including such home scenes as Glenville Pond and The Back Street, Newmarket. Roland Middle of the high school staff had 11 pieces on display and familiar to all without reference to the catalogue were Aurora Back Street, The Far Horizon, Aurora and Hill And Dale, Aurora. He also had several pieces of sculpture and woodwork on display.

Vaughan Williams, returned ex-airman who heads the Aurora group and hopes to study in New York, had a striking display

of eight including oils, water colors and tempera drawing. Two were scenes from Prince Edward Island, while most vivid was his Frozen Music.

C. W. Kettlewell, Toronto commercial artist, had seven pieces of work on exhibit. Kenneth Ives and Mrs. K. Carman of St. Andrew's College both had some outstanding bits which attracted attention, as did three landscapes by Dr. Percy Robinson. Betty Cody had six pictures hung, her two flower studies especially showing her skill.

The school quartet of Cosimo LoPatriello, Murray Oliver, Peggy Guntake and Joan Hill were not far behind the adults in ability, especially the two boys, Murray Oliver with eight oils and Cosimo LoPatriello with five.

Among the Aurora school children who had work on display were John King, Mary Wassink, Murray Blair, David Crystdale and Anne Stephenson.

Twenty paintings from Aurora homes were loaned as an exhibit including two Franz Johnson's and the work of other well-known Canadian artists.

## Pupils Publish 16-Page School Christmas Edition

Editors Michael Maughan and Bruce Underhill, and their staff, after much "blood, sweat and tears," have succeeded in putting on the street the first number of volume two of the Aurora public school "School Paper," and Mike and Bruce as well as all the rest can take a well earned bow. Yeah school!

The 16-page Christmas edition sells for two cents and is done by mimeograph. The proceeds go to the school literary society fund of which Hugh MacRae is president.

Among the contributors, aside from the editors, are Nora Knowles, Beth Thompson, Keith Kincaid, Muriel Stephenson, Margaret Bull, Barbara Hayes, Mary Rose, Mary Adams, Ann McRae and Heather Moffat. The poet's nook finds timely

contributions by G. H. Bruce, Yvonne Squibb, Ann Loos, Ross Linton, Norma Hutchinson and Marilyn Thomson. Bill Lloyd, Shirley Woodward and Joan Case are responsible for the art work.

From the news items we learn that to the end of November the pupils purchased \$407.50 in war savings stamps; that the school senior soccer team won four of five games played; that Summer's soccer eleven won the school championship.

In a foreword Donald Webster of the staff says: "I expect that the editors and those who assisted them have found nothing accomplished without work. This paper is the result of their efforts. If it pleases you tell them so. If it does not please you make helpful suggestions to them."

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

WOI and Mrs. Clarence Fisher have returned home after holidaying at Limberlost Lodge, Muskoka.

Miss Georgie Charles, Reg. N., Toronto, spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. H. J. Charles.

Bill Griffith, Toronto, a former Aurora resident, spent the weekend in town.

Mrs. Douglas Bilbrough is convalescing from her recent illness at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Carr, Vander.

Kenneth Lonergan, Toronto, spent the weekend with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Bunn.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hole and family of Willowdale spent Saturday with Mrs. Harry Richbell.

Friends and neighbors honored T. C. McLeod on Monday evening at a surprise party on the occasion of his 60th birthday.

The W.H.O. class of Aurora United church met on Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. A. M. Clarke.

## WITH THE CHURCHES

Next Sunday morning the White Gift service at Aurora United church will be held. Gifts of money or clothing will be received in aid of the Save The Children fund. In the evening the popular and beautiful candlelight carol service will be held with the choir, orchestra and organ featured in song. The new United church orchestra, under the leadership of John Sisman, made its appearance last Sunday evening in a program of Christmas carols. Rod Smith was saxophone soloist.

Officers of Trinity Church Parochial Guild for 1946 are: hon. pres., Miss Eva Lemon; pres., Mrs. Arthur Ashton; first vice-pres., Mrs. A. Hazen; second vice-pres., Miss M. Lemon; sec., Mrs. Stewart Patrick; treas., Mrs. Thos. Newton.

**SKATING SATURDAY**  
Over 300 people enjoyed skating at the Aurora arena on Saturday evening with the Aurora Citizens' Band providing music. There will be skating this year on both Christmas Eve and New Year's.

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Mr. Percy Hill, Toronto, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Hill.

Miss Ruth DeLafayette, Toronto, spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. Roy DeLafayette.

Major W. H. Taylor attended a meeting of the board of trustees of the L.T.B. in Toronto on Saturday.

Mr. William Taylor, Toronto, spent Sunday with his father, Major W. H. Taylor. An Anglican lay reader, he took part in Sunday evening's service at Trinity Anglican church.

A degree team from Willowdale was present to confer degrees at Elma Rebekah Lodge on Monday evening.

Miss Marjorie Andrews attended the symphony concert in Toronto on Saturday.

Mr. Walter Esdaile, Painsville, Ohio, has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Robert Esdaile.

Miss Norma Matthews, Toronto, spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. Matthews.

Mrs. William Ransom, Jr., Toronto, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. William Ransom.

Miss Kathleen Mosley, Toronto, spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Mosley.

Mr. William Spragg has returned home after being confined to York County hospital.

St. Andrew's College closed for Christmas holidays on Wednesday noon.

Members of the Aurora R.C. O.C. Depot held a gala Christmas party and dance in Mechanics' hall on Tuesday evening.

Spr. and Mrs. Stanley Allen left on Monday for California and the western states. Spr. Allen returned from overseas last week.

Dole King has returned home after spending a week at Montreal, Que.

Miss Elizabeth Wilcox, Toronto, spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. J. D. Wilcox.

Mrs. W. J. Patterson has returned from York County hospital.

Miss Christine Kirkwood, Toronto, spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Kirkwood.

Mrs. H. Dawson left on Friday for Ottawa, where she will spend the winter with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. W. McIntyre.



TO OUR FRIENDS AND PATRONS WE EXTEND

### SEASON'S GREETINGS

May your Christmas stockings be well filled and may 1946 bring happiness and prosperity to all.

Visit our new Yonge St. studio in the new year.

## BARRAGER STUDIO

MACHELL AVE., AURORA

PHONE 196W



### SEASON'S GREETINGS

from the management and staff of

## AURORA CLEANERS



### SEASON'S GREETINGS

Peace on Earth — Goodwill to Men,  
May this joyous old refrain  
Echo clear and true  
And bring its song of happiness  
This Christmas Day to you.

## TUNNEY'S BARBER SHOP

Wellington St.

Aurora



### GREETINGS

It is a genuine pleasure at the holiday season to depart from the usual routine of business and wish you a

MERRY CHRISTMAS  
May the New Year bring you much happiness and a full measure of prosperity.

## AURORA DAIRY

Yonge St.

Aurora, Phone 247



### GREETINGS

Like a perfect picture in a frame  
Which shows a lovely view,  
May the cheer that comes with Christmas  
Bring true happiness to you.

## ALEX. BELL

IMPERIAL OIL STATION

Yonge St.

Aurora



HEARTIEST CHRISTMAS WISHES TO YOU AND YOURS

May 1946 bring your loved ones back home and with peace, better understanding to the world.

## DAWSON'S GRILL

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Lloyd, Prop.

Yonge St.

Aurora



## QUEENSVILLE

Open Rink Saturday,  
Skate Christmas Night

Mr. Bert Boyd now has the skating rink open and the opening night last Saturday was well attended. There will be skating on Christmas night and every Wednesday and Saturday night. There will be free skating for children up to 12 years every Saturday afternoon from 2 to 3.30.

The Women's Association of Sharon met at the manse for its December meeting. During the afternoon one of the members, Mrs. John Pinder, who has come to Queensville to live, was presented with a beautiful wall bracket in appreciation of her faithful services.

Sgt. "Bob" Arnold returned from overseas on the Monarch of Bermuda and was met in Toronto by his mother and friends. He reports a fine trip across the "pond".

A number of Queensville folks attended the fine Christmas concert last Monday evening at Second Street school of which Miss Audrey Eves is the teacher.

In spite of the extremely cold night last Sunday, a good congregation attended the vesper service conducted by the C.G.I.T. in the United church. The presentation of the Coming Of The Shepherds And Wise Men was much appreciated by those present. Next Sunday evening service will be conducted by the Y.P.U. at which time a Christmas pageant will be presented.

At the White Gift service in the United church last Sunday morning the singing was led by the junior choir which sang beautifully three anthems, Shepherds In The Fields, God The Father Gave Us All and Good Christian Men Rejoice.

The numerous white gifts that were received from the three appointments on the Queensville charge will be sent to the Fred Victor Mission in Toronto to help bring Christmas cheer to needy people.

At the Christmas service next Sunday morning, the choir will sing special music and will be assisted by six girls from the junior choir who will sing the Virgin's Lullaby in harmony.

The Women's Institute meeting will not be held on the regular date but will be held at the home of Mrs. Ed Strasler the following week, January 2, 1946.

Mrs. John D. Moore reached her 82nd birthday on Wednesday of last week.

## R.A.F. BALLOON COMMAND

Between 1939 and 1945, 24 piloted and 278 non-piloted aircraft were destroyed by R.A.F. balloon command.

EAST GWILLIMBURY  
HAS LAST MEETING

The East Gwillimbury council held its last meeting for the year in Sharon hall Dec. 15.

The following accounts were passed for payment: Dr. Sinclair, V.D. treatments, \$7; The Era and Express, printing, \$37.80; N. Gwillimbury, relief, \$39; Arthur White, dog bounty, \$5;

County taxes: general purpose, \$4,044.30; road debentures, \$1,088.93; road maintenance, \$1,413.20; high schools, \$7,031.91; vocational schools, \$529.39; patriotic, \$463.47;

J. L. Smith, registrations, \$23.50; Walter Proctor, registrations, \$150; Alan Shaw, registrations, \$125; Geo. Pearson, registrations, \$135; Kenneth Ross, registrations, \$125; John Rye, registrations, \$125; A. Greig, re posting bills, \$6.

Road accounts: fuel and oil, \$39.48; fence bonus, \$40; Scott townline settlement, \$355.40; King townline settlement, \$63.27; cement and lumber, \$279.10; gasoline, \$14.55; government fuel tax, \$28; gravel, \$299.40; repairs, \$26.64; ditching, \$13.20; pay roll, \$130.65.

The 1945 current tax collections at Dec. 15 amounted to \$42,112, which is \$5,000 less than the previous year.

The treasurer was ordered to pay the school trustee levy amounting to \$3,300 and the township grant of \$10,782 was withheld until March, which is the usual custom.

## POTTAGEVILLE

The Ladies' Aid met at the church last Thursday. There were eight members present to work on a quilt. All officers were re-elected except Mrs. Arnold Dove. Mrs. George West was elected in her place.

The school concert is on Friday evening, December 21.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Madgett and son of Toronto called on Mrs. Madgett's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Hutt, on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellerby and family and Miss Hall, Weston, called on Mrs. Ellerby's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Blackburn.

Mrs. George Smith, Springdale, called on her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Archibald, and Mrs. Bob Smith on Saturday.

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Merry Christmas to all.

The Tennis club held a successful dance on Wednesday evening and now they are working hard to start a bowling league for the winter months.

A number of couples from town and country chartered a bus on Monday evening and went to Newmarket to bowl.

Christmas services with special music and Christmas messages will be held in the United church both morning and evening next Sunday and a special Sunday-school service will be held at 2.30 in the afternoon when all the classes will take part. You are cordially invited to all services.

Mr. Doug. Price spent last week in Toronto and returned to take a position in a dairy, commencing on Monday morning.

The W.A. of the United church held their December meeting at the home of Mrs. Geo. Burnham on Wednesday evening of last week.

This was the election of officers and the following were elected: pres., Mrs. Jas. Thompson; vice-pres., Mrs. Arnot Harrison; secretary, Mrs. Geo. Burnham; treasurer, Miss E. Hayes; pianists, Mrs. R. Cupples, Mrs. Sinclair.

The committees will be appointed at the January meeting. The ladies have installed a pulpit lamp in the church and sent 77 boxes overseas at a cost of \$117.11, besides their other work.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Leach, Lois and Lyall, Toronto, were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Norm. Wilson in town.

Mrs. Vernon Armstrong, Toronto, spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Oliver, Sr.

The Women's Institute met on Thursday at the home of Mrs. John Case. Twenty-eight ladies were present. A committee was formed to act with a committee from the Women's Association of the United church to send cards and boxes to the sick and shut-ins. Roll-call was a shower of stamped Christmas cards for this work.

A paper on the origin of Christmas was given by Mrs. Macpherson. Current events were given by Mrs. Steeper and the soloist of the afternoon was Mrs. W. Couper.

A social half-hour was enjoyed. It was decided that in the future each one should bring their own cup and saucer. Early in the New Year a social evening will be held to raise funds for community work.

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KENNETH OSBORNE  
WEDS N.S. GIRL

A pretty double-ring service was solemnized at the parsonage in Springhill, N.S., on October 20, when Mary Margaret Yau, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Yau, Springhill, N.S., became the bride of C.Q.M.S. Kenneth H. Osborne, son of Mr. W. W. Osborne, Toronto, and the late Mrs. Osborne, formerly of Newmarket. Rev. Geo. MacLean officiated.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a pale blue gabardine street-length dress with a flower hat and shoulder veil to match. She wore a corsage of pink roses.

Miss Isabel Hamilton, Truro, N.S., was bridesmaid. She was gowned in rust wool with matching accessories and wore a corsage of bronze mums and roses. Sgt. P. M. Rankine, Debert, N.S., was best man.

After the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents. Later the happy couple left by car for a short honeymoon to Moncton, N.B. Upon their return they will reside in Truro, N.S., until the groom is transferred to his depot in Toronto.

## MOORE-WILSON

## RITES DECEMBER 8

Miss Elsie Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George R. Wilson, Newmarket, became the bride of William Moore, R.C.N.V.R., on Saturday, December 8, in St. Andrew's Presbyterian church.

The groom is the son of Ernest Moore, East Grinstead, Sussex, England, and the late Mrs. Moore. Rev. A. B. Stein officiated at the ceremony.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of ivory satin with finger-tip veil and carried pink roses and white mums. Misses Grace and Barbara Wilson, sisters of the bride, were bridesmaids, gowned in peach petal and turquoise blue beaurepe with matching hats and shoulder veils. They carried American Beauty roses.

Dr. Albert Moore, Kingston, was best man. After the reception at the bride's home, the couple left for a trip into Quebec. They will reside at Smooth Rock Falls, Ont.

## MAPLE HILL

Mr. and Mrs. Dodson spent the weekend in Toronto.

The annual Christmas treat for the children of Maple Hill Sunday-school will be held on Friday evening, Dec. 21.



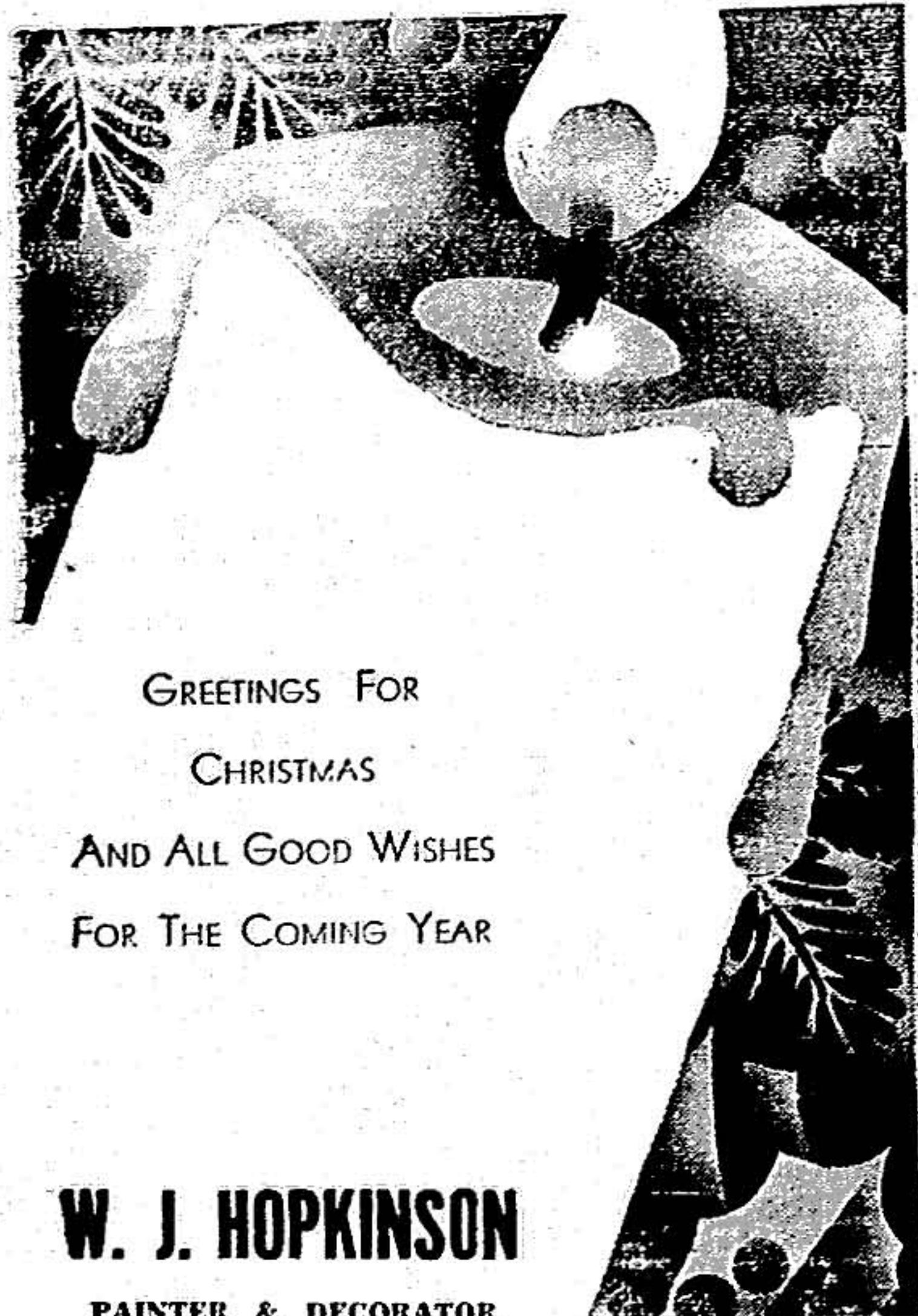
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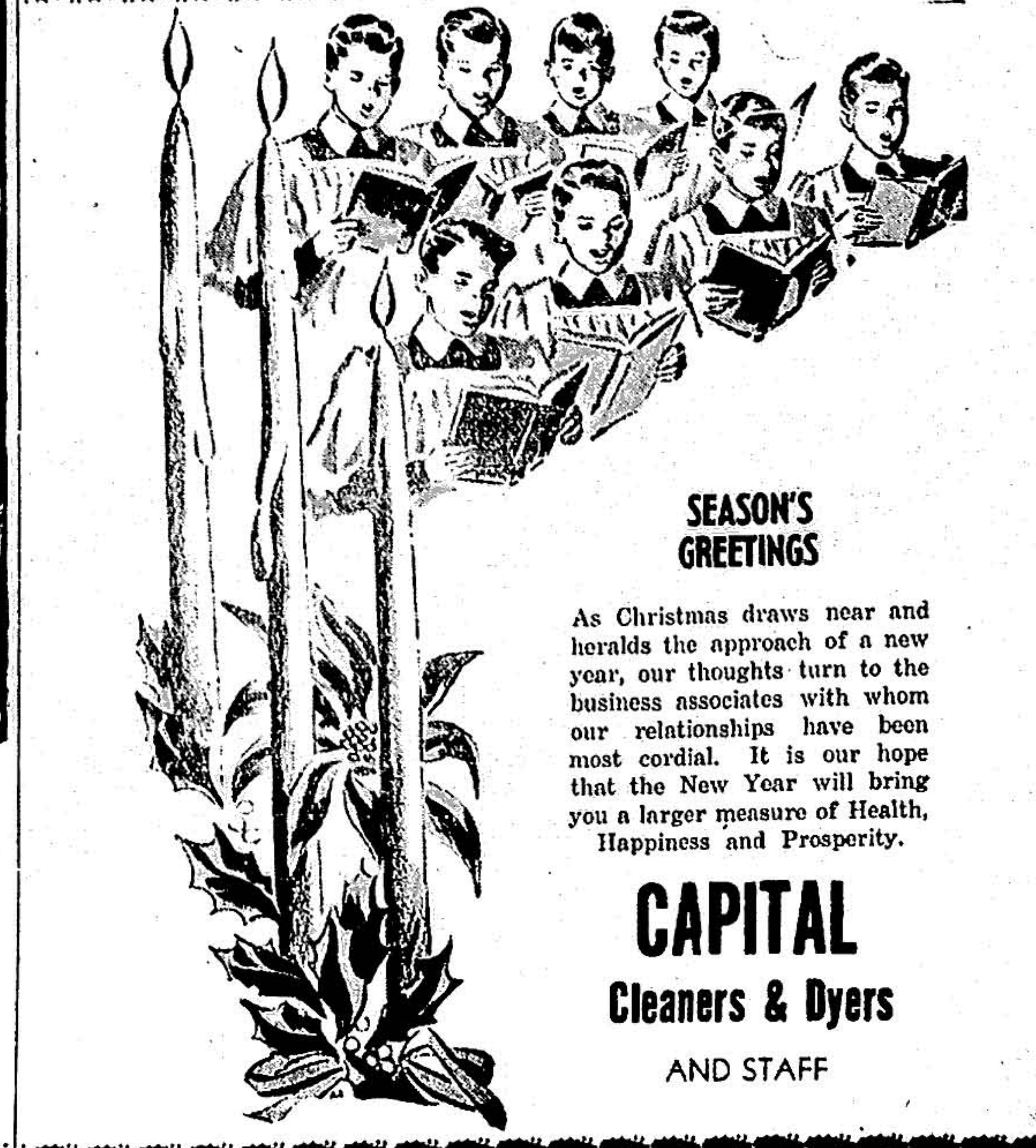
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## WEDDING OF DISTRICT INTEREST



A pretty November wedding was that of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Mount, Sharon. Mrs. Mount was the former Hester Mainprize, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Mainprize, Mount Albert. Photo by Budd.

## Honor Retiring Reeve At Last Council Meeting

Taken so completely by surprise that he was visibly affected by the gesture, Reeve George Leary was presented with a cane, and a beautiful basket of flowers for Mrs. Leary by the council and its ex-reeve, C. E. Toole, on Saturday afternoon at the conclusion of the 1945 sessions.

Deputy-Reeve L. P. Evans said in making the presentation that the retirement of Mr. Leary was learned with regret. He had served faithfully for 17 years in the council, he said. Not always were the members in agreement, but one thing that could be said for the retiring reeve, he never held animosity, and differences were soon forgotten by him, Mr. Evans continued. The deputy-reeve expressed the hope that Mr. Leary would find the gift a remembrance of many pleasant memories of his long term of office. The flowers were in appreciation of the good will of Mrs. Leary who "must have made many sacrifices in order that her husband might serve."

Mr. Leary said he found it difficult to make reply and that words were inadequate to express his feelings. His retirement, he said, was due to his state of health which had not been too good for a couple of years. He paid tribute to the

good spirit that had prevailed among the councillors, and the splendid work of the clerk and treasurer, John Crawford.

Councillor Ed. Logan said that at times he feared he had been a "lone wolf," but differences never upset the harmony of the council. In speaking of the next year, Mr. Logan said: "We regret the retirement of Mr. Leary, and we realize that our deputy-reeve will aspire to the office, in which event I shall be a candidate for the position of deputy-reeve." Mr. Logan has been on the council six years. Councillor Les. Harper said that he had been a member of council three years and had never missed a meeting. He said he would make no decision about next year at this time. Ivan McLaughlin, who is just completing his first year on the council, likewise said he had not made any decision about what he might do next year about staying on the council or retiring. Both speakers paid tribute to Mr. Leary and his long service.

The township clerk, Mr. Crawford, stated that the financial picture was very bright in Whitchurch and congratulated the council on their foresight in placing an order for a new road grader. The township has over 2,000 tax payers, he said, indicating the steady growth of the municipality.

Ex-Warden Earl Toole said he was not present to make a speech, but wished to be on hand to witness the presentation to an old colleague in council. The council, he said, had a record to be proud of and every member was entitled to serve again. It was with regret that the municipality was losing Mr. Leary in public office, yet he said he wanted to commend him for carrying out his pledge made a year ago.

A. V. Nolan, publisher of the Stouffville Tribune, responded for the press.

## UNION STREET

The December meeting of the Union Street Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Davitt on Tuesday, Dec. 11.

The president, Mrs. Beckett, opened the meeting in the usual manner. The roll-call was answered by a Christmas card and a notable event in the past year. The secretary's report was approved.

The draw on the apron was held and Mrs. W. H. Ashenhurst, Newmarket, was the lucky ticket holder.

An exchange of Christmas presents was held.

It was decided to give oranges to the two public schools.

The Central Ontario Women's Institute Convention area reports were given.

Historical Research was by Mrs. Lillian Johnston, Home Economics by Mrs. Ernie Burgess and Publicity, Mrs. Archie Sedore.

A dainty lunch brought the meeting to a close.

## KESWICK

Mrs. Jack Winch visited friends in Toronto for a few days last week.

Major and Mrs. Sprague, Newmarket, visited Major Sprague's sister, Miss Maye Sprague, on Sunday.

Mrs. Archie McKinnon, who has been ill, is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. I. Waldon attended the Boe-Leamen wedding in Eglinton United church, Toronto, on Saturday night, and spent the weekend with their daughters in Toronto.

## OFFICE OPEN

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## THE NEWMARKET ERA AND EXPRESS, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20TH, 1945

## SNOWBALL

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Pell, Toronto, spent the weekend with Miss Hazel Webb.

The December meeting of the Women's Institute will be held at the home of Mrs. Wm. Farren, Sr. Roll-call will be answered by suggestions for postponing old age. Current events will be given by Mrs. Guy Wilson and a final paper on the United Nations by Mrs. Norval Mitchell. There will be Christmas music and an antique exhibit. The hostesses will be Mrs. G. Morton, Mrs. G. Wilson and Mrs. N. Mitchell.

Mrs. Owen Barr, Margaret Rose and baby, Donald, spent Saturday in Newmarket with Mrs. Cull and Mrs. Rose Ferguson.

## MOUNT PLEASANT

The Sandford Young People are putting on their play, Down The Long Lane, on Wednesday, Jan. 9, at Belhaven hall.

The farmers are all busy getting the fowl away to the Christmas market.

Children are happy as concerts and holidays are almost here.

The Ladies' Guild intend to have the Mount Albert people put on a play in Belhaven Community Hall January 9.

There was quite a number at church last Sunday night although the weather was disagreeable.

Dr. Patterson will conduct the Christmas service next Sunday evening.

Miss Isabelle Moulds returned to the city last week.

Some from here attended the funeral of Mr. John Mann on Monday at Newmarket.

Merry Christmas to all.



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## BROWNIES PRESENT CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The Salvation Army Citadel on Monday evening, was the scene of the Brownie Christmas party. The service opened with Hark The Herald Angels Sing, followed with prayer by Mrs. Capt. Robinson. Capt. Bryant Stevens, Aurora, read a Bible story. Capt. Robinson was the chairman for the evening and music was supplied by one of the Brownie's mother, Mrs. Thomas Wadsworth, Jr.

First on the program was a song by the Brownies. It Came Upon The Midnight Clear, followed by a recitation by a new Brownie, Donna Stickwood. Cherish Pipher sang O Little Town Of Bethlehem. An exercise by Norma Burling, Wilma Robinson and Evelyn Wadsworth called Little Lights For Jesus, came next, followed by a solo by Rosina Wadsworth. Elva Koshell gave a recitation and then the Brownies sang Away In A Manger. June Pemberton gave a recitation on having Christmas once a week instead of once a year. Diane Lockhart played a piano solo, Barbara Watt gave a recitation, as did June Gilpin. One verse of Silent Night was sung and Brown Owl Zilpah Lavender closed the service with prayer. Jingle Bells was sung until Santa Claus appeared and then he gave out the gifts which the girls had exchanged names on and each received an orange. Mrs. Capt. Robinson pronounced the benediction.

### TERRY BUDD ILL

Master Terry Budd is convalescing nicely at home following an operation in the Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto.

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## Capt., Mrs. Hugh Maclean Bound For West Indies

Services at the Salvation Army on Sunday marked a farewell to Capt. and Mrs. Hugh Maclean, who are bound for the West Indies for further work with the Salvation Army. Capt. Maclean has been on Salvation Army War services at No. 23, B.T.C., for nearly two years, coming here from Charlottetown, P.E.I. Capt. Maclean has been the Sunday-school superintendent (Y.P.S.M.) for the last year. Mrs. Capt. Maclean has been the primary class teacher.

During the closing of the Sunday-school meeting, the acting record sergeant, Leonard Kirbyson, spoke a few words of farewell on behalf of the Sunday-school and Mrs. N. D. Wallace spoke on behalf of the primary department. In the evening service more words of appreciation and farewell were spoken by Carl Woodruff on behalf of the senior corps, and Y.P. treasurer, Zilpah Lavender, on behalf of the Y.P. corps. Capt. Arthur Robinson and C.C. Noreen Kirbyson sang appropriate solos.

### BIRTHS

Dillane—At the Private Patients' Pavilion, Toronto General Hospital, on Wednesday, Dec. 19, 1945, to Mr. and Mrs. R. Grant Dillane, a son.

Floury—At York County hospital, on Wednesday, Dec. 19, 1945, to Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Floury, Richmond Hill, a daughter.

Hunt—At York County hospital, on Wednesday, Dec. 19, 1945, to Pte. and Mrs. Albert Hunt, Bradford, a son.

Legge—At York County hospital, on Sunday, Dec. 16, 1945 to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Legge, Newmarket, a son.

### DEATHS

Boyd—Suddenly, at his home on Sunday, Dec. 16, 1945, Stanley Arthur Boyd, husband of Florence L. Stickwood.

The funeral service was held at his home, lot 7, con. 4, East Gwillimbury, on Wednesday afternoon. Interment Newmarket cemetery.

Brereton—At Barrie, on Tuesday, Dec. 18, 1945, Clara C. Brereton, daughter of the late Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Brereton, formerly of Schomberg, sister of Dr. E. L. Brereton and K. S. Brereton, Merritt, B.C.

The funeral service was held this afternoon. Interment Barrie Union cemetery.

Cadden—At Powassan, Ont., on Sunday, Dec. 18, 1945, Ada I. Hadwin, wife of the late Charles Cadden.

The funeral service was held Wednesday afternoon. Interment Maple cemetery.

Foster—At Aurora, on Saturday, Dec. 15, 1945, Henry Charles Foster, husband of Ida Munroe, in his 60th year.

The funeral service was held in Queensville on Tuesday. Interment Queensville cemetery.

Hilton—At Newmarket, on Monday, Dec. 17, 1945, George Henry Hilton, husband of Rose Phillips, father of Harold George Hilton.

The funeral service was held in the chapel of Roadhouse and Rose this afternoon at 2 p.m. Interment Newmarket cemetery. Masonic service.

Loudon—Suddenly, at York County hospital, on Friday, Dec. 14, 1945, Ella Loudon, sister of Eva (Mrs. George Smiley), Edgar, Walter, Arthur and Herbert Loudon.

The funeral service was held in Toronto on Tuesday afternoon. Interment Mount Pleasant cemetery.

Mann—At Toronto, on Friday, Dec. 14, 1945, John P. Mann, husband of the late Sarah Ann Fisher, father of Ivan, Helen, Alice and Llewella.

The funeral service was held at the chapel of Roadhouse and Rose on Monday afternoon. Interment Newmarket cemetery.

Marshall—In Sarnia, Ont., Friday, Dec. 7, Mrs. Fred Marshall, sister of Mrs. T. C. Watson, Newmarket.

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—Mr. and Mrs. Norman Randall and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dobson, Mrs. Keeley and Miss Jensen, all of Toronto, and Miss Ethel Peterman, Newmarket, held a surprise party for Mr. and Mrs. M. Schrank Saturday evening.

—Miss Elsie Olsen, Roche's Point, was a weekend guest of Miss Margaret Schrank.

—Miss Doris Hollinshead, King City, was a weekend guest of Mr. and Mrs. M. Schrank.

—Miss Margaret Schrank entertained a group of school chums to a luncheon after the high school Athletic Society dance on Friday night.

—Capt. J. A. Tod, Ottawa, will spend the Christmas vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Tod.

—Visitors with Rev. and Mrs. Henry Cotton will be Lawrence Cotton, Albert college, Belleville, Sgt. and Mrs. Frank Armour, London, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Nellis and baby, Paul, and Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Gill, all of Toronto.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bowman and Carol will spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Sloan, Toronto.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bowman and Carol spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Watson, Orillia.

—Miss Margaret Moffat, Toronto, visited her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Moffat, for the weekend.

—Mrs. F. A. Boyd will spend Christmas with her daughter, Mrs. W. Statton, and Mr. Statton, Toronto.

—Mrs. Wm. Boyd and two children of Haileybury will spend the Christmas holiday with Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Boyd.

—Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Brammer will spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Herman Bennett.

—Mr. and Mrs. Harry Brammer and Laurene will spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Lundy, Cedar Valley.

—Mr. Willson Stewart, Toronto, will spend Christmas with his sister, Mrs. Howard Brice, and Mr. Brice.

—Mrs. Elizabeth Garrioch and Jane, Toronto, will spend Christmas with Mrs. Garrioch's sister, Mrs. R. D. Brown, and Mr. Brown.

—Miss Marjorie Smith, Toronto, will spend Christmas with her sister, Mrs. Leonard Coupland, Mr. Coupland and Mrs. Fred Coupland.

—Mr. and Mrs. Ross Thompson, Holt, will spend Christmas with Mrs. Thompson's mother, Mrs. J. H. Crowder, and sisters, Misses Clara and Evelyn Crowder.

—Mr. and Mrs. Jack Malcolm, Toronto, and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Davidson, Willow Beach, will spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Max Stiles.

—Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Dunn and family, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Black and Carol, Kettleby, visited Mr. and Mrs. John Henderson and Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Lyons at Fenelon Falls on Sunday.

—Mr. and Mrs. K. G. Flett and Jean will spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery at Perth.

—Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Patterson, Guelph, will spend the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Garrett.

—Mrs. Robert Hillard, Carleton Place, has been spending the last two weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Geer.

—Misses Vera and Lois Geer, Toronto, will spend Christmas at home with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Geer.

—Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Gilroy will spend Christmas with Mrs. Gilroy's sister, Mrs. Wm. Howarth, and Mr. Howarth.

—Dr. and Mrs. Keith Welsh, Toronto, spent today with Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Greer.

—Mrs. A. Smith, Ottawa, Miss Leda Hopkinson and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Niebergall and Stevie, Kitchener, expect to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hopkinson, Gormham St.

—Mr. and Mrs. Ray Parliament, Toronto, visited Mrs. Myrtle Brillinger on Sunday.

—Mr. and Mrs. Ken Howard expect to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Howard at Islington.

—Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Hunter and Ken, Malton, will spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Hunter.

—Mr. Ralph Adams, Sudbury, will spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Adams.

—Mr. Clyde Adams, Barrie, will spend Christmas at home.

—Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Andrews expect to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Bert Tate, Stouffville.

—Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Carlick, Toronto, spent last Sunday with Mrs. Carlick's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Appa. Mrs. Carlick stayed for a few days.

—Mr. Vern Arnold, Gravenhurst, was home for the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Arnold.

—Miss Marjorie Rogers, Elmville, will spend her Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin H. Rogers.

—Mr. and Mrs. Max Cameron and children and Mrs. D. Cameron, Aurora, will spend Christmas with Mrs. Max Cameron's sister, Mrs. Herman Leppard, and Mr. Leppard.

—Mrs. Allan Skinner and two daughters, of London, will spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Beer.

—Mrs. Harold Finnigan, Toronto, is spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. Fred Hoare.

—Mr. and Mrs. Harold Finnigan, Toronto, will spend Christmas with Mrs. Finnigan's sister, Mrs. E. Bennett, and Mr. Bennett.

—Mr. Herman Bennett, Ottawa, will be home with his family for Christmas.

—Mr. and Mrs. John Martin, Toronto, will spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bennett.

—Mr. and Mrs. Evan Crulckshank, Toronto, will spend Christmas with Mrs. Crulckshank's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bothwell.

—Mr. and Mrs. Ted Bothwell, Niagara Falls, will spend Christmas with Mr. Bothwell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bothwell.

—Miss Earla Toole, Pleasantville, spent the weekend with Miss Joan Bovair.

—Mrs. David Cameron, Oshawa, spent last week with her brother, Mr. Frank Prest, and Mrs. Prest.

—Mr. and Mrs. Herman Lepard, Toronto, spent the weekend with Mrs. Lepard's sister, Mrs. Max Cameron, and Mr. Cameron.

—Mr. and Mrs. Fred Duncan, Toronto, spent Saturday with Mrs. Duncan's sister, Mrs. Alvin H. Rogers, and Mr. Rogers.

—Miss Mary Stickland, Toronto, will spend Christmas with her sister, Mrs. J. R. Ash, Mr. Ash and Betty.

—Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Beckett, Queensville, spent Sunday with Mrs. Beckett's mother, Mrs. W. R. Ashenhurst.

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## FORMER RESIDENT HERE JOHN MANN, 91, DIES

The death occurred in Toronto on Friday, Dec. 14, of John Mann in his 92nd year. Mr. Mann was all only a short time and was keenly interested in everything up to the time of his death. Born at Belhaven in 1854, he was of United Empire Loyalist descent. He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Darius Mann. Mr. Mann was married to the late Sarah Ann Fisher.

Mr. Mann was a member of the Christian church, his grandfather being one of the pioneer ministers of the church.

A resident of Orchard Beach until 1929, he moved to Newmarket, residing here until three years ago when he moved to Toronto. For the last ten years he has spent his summers at Haliburton. Mr. Mann was a member of the Masonic lodge, Sharon, and was well known in Newmarket.

Surviving are one son, Ivan, Belhaven, and three daughters, Helen, Alice and Llewella, all of Toronto.

The funeral service, conducted by Rev. A. B. Stein, was held at the chapel of Roadhouse and Rose on Monday afternoon with interment in Newmarket cemetery. The pallbearers were Dr. L. W. Dales, W. J. Patterson, Max Smith, Ernest Sprague, J. O. Little and Frank Pugsley, Toronto.

Guy Soules spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Norman Crone, Sharon.

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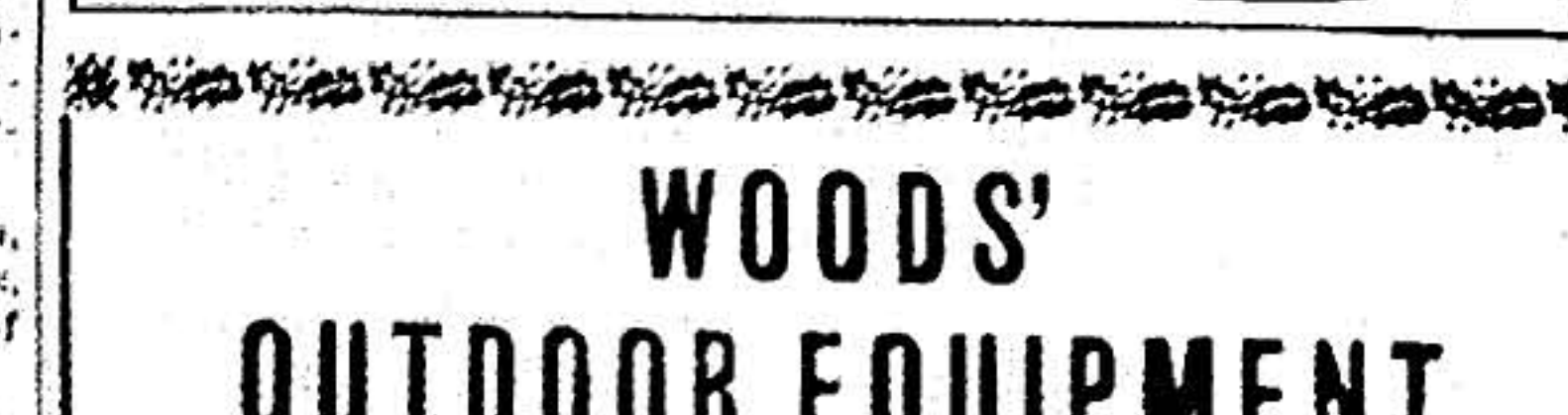
**AWARDED M.B.E.**  
Arthur E. Buckley, whose wife, Mrs. Irene Buckley, lived in Newmarket prior to going overseas last fall to join him, has been awarded the M.B.E. (civil division) according to the recently published honors list. Mr. Buckley has been in charge of

all Y.M.C.A. operations on the continent since D-Day. Mrs. Buckley is the sister of Headmaster Joseph McCulley, Pickering College.

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Draft Legislation has been introduced in Parliament covering proposed amendments to the Income War Tax Act.

These amendments include the new provisions relating to Private Companies and implementing some of the recommendations of the Ives Commission.

We shall be pleased to forward, on request, copies of those provisions which deal with Private Companies.

Please write, or Telephone Waverley 3681.



## Whitchurch Reeve Terms Annexation 'High Hat'

Reeve Leary and members of Whitchurch township council Dec. 8 termed the action of the Ontario municipal board as hasty when a letter was read from the board saying that it had confirmed the request of ratepayers on the west end of Park Ave. outside Newmarket limits, and of the Newmarket town council to have that section annexed to Newmarket. Council contemplated offering some resistance to the move. The annexation, the board stated, would be effective Dec. 31, 1945, at midnight. "High hat piece of business," was the way Reeve Leary criticised the matter, which now seems to be closed.

W. S. Gibson & Son, surveyors, submitted a blue print of a subdivision for Lake Simcoe Ice Co., but no action was taken at this time.

The department of highways notified the council that permission was approved by them whereby \$1,500 additional may be spent on roads bringing the total appropriation for 1945 to \$21,500.

Elmer Starr, weed inspector, said the municipality would help him work a great deal if they cut the weeds on the roadside.

"When I press a private owner to cut his weeds, he invariably points to the neglected weeds along the roads," said Mr. Starr.

No action was taken on a request from the Aurora high school board which asked the council to join in urging the county council to define the limits of the Aurora high school area in accordance with the plan of the department of education. Deputy-Reeve Evans said he would like to have the facts clearly as to the township's position in the matter before he was in a position to vote.

The county treasurer reminded

the council that the county levy of \$18,969.91 would fall due on Dec. 20. Treasurer John Crawford said the item would be attended to as usual before the due date.

A strip of land bordering the west shore of Lake Musselman was expropriated by a by-law passed at this meeting. The land in question lies between the water's edge and the roadway, at lot 12, and has been the subject of legal action in the past.

Ed. McNally and Milford Rose told the council that they had been taxed \$7.55 and \$5.16 respectively for road oil at Lake Musselman, whereas they were led to believe the maximum cost would be not more than \$1.50 per property.

Clerk Crawford explained the apportionment of cost was made on an assessment basis so that those who benefited but did not live directly on the main road would share the cost. Half was paid by the area and half by the township.

On three or four farms affected the basis seemed unjust in the opinion of councillors and a resolution was passed reducing those affected to a payment of \$2 each.

A grant of \$10 was made to the Stouffville horse show on motion of Councillors Logan and Harper.

### INFLUENCED CUSTOMS

The Germans, perhaps more than any other colonists, influenced Christmas customs in the United States, which celebrates Christmas more extensively than any other. Our concept of Santa Claus is wholly from Germany and the Christmas tree in the home is another custom that came over with German immigrants in the last century.

## ST. NICK LIVED IN 4TH CENTURY

On Christmas Eve, Canadian children will be tucked snugly in their beds — while visions of sugarplums dance through their heads. Listening breathlessly, they may hear sleighbells in the snow. Santa will be about, his pack laden with dolls and drums, painted carts and picture books, and unrationed good cheer for young and old.

The real, live St. Nicholas was born in Asia Minor and lived during the fourth century. The Dutch settlers brought many legends centering around him to America. He was an extraordinarily studious youth and, after his father died, much concerned about the fortune he had inherited. He, therefore, conceived the idea of supplying financially embarrassed maidens with dowries, the young ladies having no idea where the money came from.

In his youth, Nicholas visited the Holy Land, and as a result, desired to spend his life in a monastery. However, he was bidden to "Go on; live among men." Later, as the Archbishop of Myra, he was renowned for his graciousness, kindness and understanding of children.

The feast of St. Nicholas, patron saint of Russia, is celebrated on the sixth of December. On that day, in many European countries, the children are visited by St. Nicholas and given nuts, apples, candy and small gifts, providing they have been well behaved throughout the year.

The modern Canadian conception of Santa Claus was first expressed by Washington Irving who, in 1809, described him as a tubby, jolly little fellow speeding across the sky in a reindeer-drawn sleigh.

In 1822, using Irving's description and supplying additional details from his own imagination, Clement Clarke Moore told his children the story of The Visit of St. Nicholas. A year later, the poem was published in the Troy Sentinel. Many years passed, however, before Dr. Moore, being a professor of divinity, publicly acknowledged having written the now famous poem, which has been translated into several foreign languages.

Thomas Nast, creator of the GOP elephant, the Tammany tiger and the Democratic donkey, apparently dressed Santa in his red suit through a series of sketches appearing in Harper's illustrated weekly.

## WANDERING OLD LADY ITALY'S SANTA CLAUS

Santa Claus doesn't visit children in Italy. It isn't because they are all naughty, but because there is no Santa Claus—in Italy. No one runs down to a well-decorated tree on Christmas morning to look for presents. Brightly colored flowers decorate the room instead of Christmas trees, and presents are not exchanged until Jan. 6.

On that night, an old, old lady, La Befana, walks from house to house and leaves a present beside each little child she visits.

Exactly 1,940 years ago, according to the Italian legend, La Befana was very busy sweeping her kitchen when several men dressed like kings stopped in front of her cottage. They asked her where Bethlehem was, but she had never heard of it.

The men told her about a baby which had been born in Bethlehem, and mentioned a star which had been guiding them. The old lady wished she could accompany them when they left her in search of the infant Jesus.

But La Befana stayed home. It was getting too dark out, and besides, the baby could wait until tomorrow. Later that night she noticed the sky quivering with light. The clouds seemed to take the form of angels. All thought of sleep left her. Rising, she carefully wrapped two gifts for the Holy Baby, then ran out into the night in the direction the kings had gone.

Fast as she hurried, she had not reached Bethlehem when the star disappeared and dawn filled the sky. She frantically asked the way to Bethlehem, but no one could tell her.

And so La Befana has constantly travelled since that day, searching for the Christ Child. On the Epiphany, 12 days after Christmas, she goes from house to house, looking into the faces of babies. With each she leaves a gift, hoping that at last she will give her presents to the right child.

Classified usually bring results.

## Christmas Spirit Evident At Elm Grove Meeting

The Christmas spirit was in the air at the Pringle home in Baldwin when the Elm Grove W.I. members and friends were entertained by Mrs. Geneva Jewel. The house was gaily decorated with evergreens, candles and a tree.

Mrs. Johnston, the president, opened the meeting in the usual manner and was followed by the business. The main topics of discussion were a dance and the entertaining of the boys and girls in the services. This has been quite a bit of thought as the Elm Grove W.I. extends to Georgina, North Gwillimbury and Sutton. However, a satisfactory plan is at last underway.

Mrs. L. Ley and Mrs. A. Ham-

ilton were in charge of the Christmas program. The singing of carols was first on the program and the Christmas spirit had everyone in its power and all sang lustily.

Mrs. Hamilton read an interesting paper on the first Canadian Christmas.

Mrs. Ley had a surprise contest which caused much excitement, with Mrs. Ben Tomlinson being the winner of a can of precious salmon, on which she sold five-cent tickets with Mrs. Crawford the envied winner.

The December issue of the Elm Grove Echo was read by Mrs. Smallwood.

A special lunch was served by Mrs. Jewel and Mrs. Johnston.

## Holstein Assn. To Sponsor National Judging Match

### TROOPS DROP ARMS TO JOIN IN CAROLS

It was Christmas Eve, 1914, between Armentiers and Arras, while Gordon Highlanders huddled in trenches when somebody remembered the day.

"Jim, let's sing," one said to Pte. James Sutherland-Watt of Norfolk, Va.

Jim pleaded off, but someone else started Silent Night, Holy Night, and soon Jim and the whole Scot regiment had joined in.

When the last refrain subsided, from the opposite trenches arose other voices — attuned in Stille Nacht. Then all night long Christmas carols rang from trench to trench in strange tongues while cannon and flares from other sectors lit the sky.

At the customary "zero" hour, the British soldiers saw gray-clad figures making their way out of the opposite trenches. A few shots were fired. Then it was seen that the Germans carried no arms. Scots leaped from their trenches, likewise unarmed, only to be ordered back.

### LOUD WELCOME

Spanish settlers brought the custom of hailing Christmas with fire-crackers and bonfires, a procedure that astounds northerners in Louisiana.

### YULE LOG

From pagan Scandinavian worship of Thor comes the yule log, lighted with a brand from last year's log.

The announcement has been made that the Holstein-Friesian Association of Canada will again this year sponsor a special judging contest amongst calf club members throughout the dominion in connection with the all-Canadian selections of Holstein cattle. Prizes amounting to \$100 are being offered to the winners. The contest is open to all boys and girls who are this year showing Holstein calves in their clubs.

From amongst the animals nominated for all-Canadian consideration, a committee of judges will select up to six in each class. Photos of these selections will be published in the December issue of the Holstein-Friesian Journal. From these pictures, a committee consisting of the judges at the major shows throughout the dominion will choose an all-Canadian and a reserve all-Canadian in each class.

From the published photographs, the competing boys and girls must designate their choice for all-Canadian and reserve all-Canadian in each class. Points will be awarded for each decision that agrees with the official version, and the prizes will be awarded on the basis of the total points scored.

### LATE CHRISTMAS

There are still millions of Christians who observe January 6 or January 7 as Christmas. They allow for the 12 days' difference in the old calendar and the new. The Eastern Orthodox observe January 7. In North Carolina one church group observes January 6, as do a number of other sects.

### COMPLETES COURSE



Robert McElroy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward McElroy, has completed the ten-month certificate course in business through the University of Toronto extension school, and has been awarded his certificate. Graduation exercises took place on Wednesday, Dec. 12. The course was open to ex-service personnel only.

Mr. McElroy entered the course following his return from Italy where he fought with the Irish Regiment of Canada until wounded in action shortly after the Ortono action.

## Legend Says St. Nick Was Shy Of 'Thanks'

The stocking custom is said to have started with St. Nicholas, original Santa Claus, a Greek bishop, Nicholas of Myra, who lived in the fourth century. He was both generous and shy, and hated to be thanked for the presents he was continually making to those in need.

Once he climbed to a roof top and dropped a purse of gold down the chimney so that he would not be seen. The money, instead of falling in the fire, lodged in a child's stocking that had been hung up to dry on the mantelpiece.

His act became known, and thereafter whenever unexpected gifts came from unknown sources they were attributed to St. Nicholas.

### OFFICE OPEN

The Newmarket Era and Express office is open Saturday afternoons from 2 to 4 o'clock for the benefit of out of town patrons.

## Christmas Carols Written By Inspired Clergymen

Since that first Christmas when the angels sang Glory to God on Highest, music has been a vital part of the holiday season, schools, churches and homes ring with joyous hymns and songs. The first singing of carols in the streets, we are told, was in the year 1224.

When we think of Christmas we think of the pictures you see on Christmas cards of houses almost buried in snow, candles burning in windows, and carolers grouped around a doorway, singing with all their hearts to the distant peal of church bells. Christmas must have been picturesque in those days, no automobiles whizzing by, just the merry jingle of sleigh bells.

Hark, the Herald Angels Sing was written in 1730 by Charles Wesley, younger brother of John Wesley, who founded the Methodist denomination, but was not published until 1856. Inspiration for the poem came to Wesley as he walked to church one Christmas morning.

Bishop Phillip Brooks, rector of the Holy Trinity church in Philadelphia, was asked by his Sunday-school children to write a Christmas song, so in 1868 he produced Oh Little Town of Bethlehem. After writing the hymn he went to the church organist and asked him to furnish a tune. The organist, Lewis H. Redner, says the air came to him in a Christmas dream, and it was finished for the next day's services.

But most beloved of all Christmas music is Holy Night, Silent

Night, written, we are told, by Father Josef Mohr, who found himself without means of music for the Christmas services because mice had eaten the bellows of the organ. Father Josef was greatly troubled over the calamity, and as he returned from administering rites to a dying woman he stood on a hilltop, at midnight, and it came to him that it must have been just such a silent night that the Christ child was born, so he went home and composed the words to our famous Christmas hymn.

Then, of course, it needed music, so he went to his old schoolmaster, Franz Gruber. And so Franz played his guitar and Father Josef sang a Christmas hymn that will never die.

Few think of this lovely hymn without remembering how we watched our radio dial at Christmas time for its rendition by one of the most beloved of singers, Madame Schuman-Heink.

Oh, those were days of simplicity, when rectors casting about for suitable Christmas programs turned poets, and organists turned composers to furnish the music, music that goes on forever.

They would, indeed, be gratified if they could hear our present Christmas day programs, pouring out of a little cabinet in the corner, their labors of love have come a long way from that steel guitar and a gentle voice replacing a nibbled bellows, they'd be surprised to learn their flock now does its Christmas shopping to their inspirational tunes.

## PURITANS PUT BAN ON CHRISTMAS JOY

Puritanism brought over with it in the Mayflower the anti-Christmas feelings.

In 1659 the general court of Massachusetts, following the example of the English parliament, enacted a law providing: "any body who is found observing, by abstention from labor, feasting, or any other way, any such day as Christmas, shall pay for such offence five shillings." The law remained in effect until 1681.

The repeal, however, was bitter to old Puritanisms, which kept up an even protest down to the early part of the present century.

## BURNING YULE LOG OLD COUNTRY CUSTOM

Centuries ago huge fires were built in the great baronial halls in England on Christmas eve and servants brought in a log that was to burn throughout the Christmas feasting. It was customary to save a brand from each year's fire to light the next one with. If the log was properly burned it was believed that the devil was powerless to do any mischief in the household.

One story has it that stockings were originally hung by fireplaces burning Yule logs in order to absorb the odor of the burning wood and thus give the wearer protection from evil.

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## SHARON

The December shipment sent to headquarters from the East Gwillimbury branch of the Red Cross Society consisted of: seven quilts, 11 infants' nightgowns, 28 girls' combinations, one baby's knitted jacket, 15 prs. girls' bloomers, two girls' overcoats, six yrs., nine girls' pantie dresses, six yrs., four girls' sweaters, six yrs., three prs. girls' socks, six yrs., 11 prs. khaki service socks, two prs. navy socks, four prs. khaki gloves, 13 comfort bags, one infant's knitted jacket; One layette, donated by Mrs. Shillinglaw, Mount Albert, consisted of: one blue blanket, one wash cloth, one towel, one cake of soap, one box baby powder, three babies' gowns, 12 diapers, one card of safety pins, one blue knitted bonnet, one blue knitted coat, two prs. booties.

The December meeting of the Women's Auxiliary of St. James' Anglican church was held at the home of Mrs. Fred Hall, and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: pres., Mrs. R. J. Rogers; vice-pres., Mrs. J. C. Hall; treas., Mrs. B. L. Phillips; sec., Mrs. B. McNern; Living Message sec., Mrs. W. D. Grose.

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## DOWN THE CENTRE

O.H.A. groupings find the leanest entry from North York in any peacetime year. Perhaps it is a bit too early yet to find teams organized to play. It can not be from lack of playing material but solely the matter of finding leadership. Small town Ontario as a whole has come back mightily strong and it seems too bad to see the area as a whole falling behind.

Not a single intermediate team is entered, Brougham Bearcats in the south Ontario league and Orillia camp or Collingwood being the closest. H. Bell of Markham is convener of the district junior B group which may well be called The Big Six before it ends.

Richmond Hill, even with a better line-up than in other years and more experience, is going to find it mighty tough going. Oshawa Bees and University of Toronto, both with artificial ice behind them as well as bigger connections, will provide plenty of opposition. Oshawa will have the overflow from the Generals while Varsity in pre-war years performed in the junior A series where they should be this season, too. Toronto Chapmans, a surprise entry, Scarborough Rangers, who are rounding up a dandy team, and Markham complete the group and the winner will be mighty hard to beat for the O.H.A. title.

Oakville dropped back to the C series which will mean in all probability that Ev Smith, the Port Credit defence star, and "Porky" Galbraith, forward ace of the Ports, will likely be with the Rowntree boys since they played B last winter and the O.H.A. generally rules that a player can not be kept from improving his hockey playing by being forced to play C hockey when he could play in B.

Stafford Smythe, son of the redoubtable Connie Smythe and ex-Upper Canada player, will add a lot of color to junior hockey as coach of the Varsity blues. Hugh Smythe, a brother, is playing on the team.

Markham is still convinced that it has a team which will give them all a run. Especially so since the rink is being streamlined this season. The fair board which owns the building has authorized the spending of \$1,000 for a new lighting system and a repaint job. Markham for years was one of the poorest lit rinks in the country so the news that they'll be able to see the puck without eye strain will be welcome to the players. Richmond Hill can stand some lighting improvement too, especially at centre ice and the bluelines.

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O.H.A. groupings find the leanest entry from North York in any peacetime year. Perhaps it is a bit too early yet to find teams organized to play. It can not be from lack of playing material but solely the matter of finding leadership. Small town Ontario as a whole has come back mightily strong and it seems too bad to see the area as a whole falling behind.

Not a single intermediate team is entered, Brougham Bearcats in the south Ontario league and Orillia camp or Collingwood being the closest. H. Bell of Markham is convener of the district junior B group which may well be called The Big Six before it ends.

Richmond Hill, even with a better line-up than in other years and more experience, is going to find it mighty tough going. Oshawa Bees and University of Toronto, both with artificial ice behind them as well as bigger connections, will provide plenty of opposition. Oshawa will have the overflow from the Generals while Varsity in pre-war years performed in the junior A series where they should be this season, too. Toronto Chapmans, a surprise entry, Scarborough Rangers, who are rounding up a dandy team, and Markham complete the group and the winner will be mighty hard to beat for the O.H.A. title.

Oakville dropped back to the C series which will mean in all probability that Ev Smith, the Port Credit defence star, and "Porky" Galbraith, forward ace of the Ports, will likely be with the Rowntree boys since they played B last winter and the O.H.A. generally rules that a player can not be kept from improving his hockey playing by being forced to play C hockey when he could play in B.

Stafford Smythe, son of the redoubtable Connie Smythe and ex-Upper Canada player, will add a lot of color to junior hockey as coach of the Varsity blues. Hugh Smythe, a brother, is playing on the team.

Markham is still convinced that it has a team which will give them all a run. Especially so since the rink is being streamlined this season. The fair board which owns the building has authorized the spending of \$1,000 for a new lighting system and a repaint job. Markham for years was one of the poorest lit rinks in the country so the news that they'll be able to see the puck without eye strain will be welcome to the players. Richmond Hill can stand some lighting improvement too, especially at centre ice and the bluelines.

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Without comment and with no axe to grind, here are the comparative figures for the Aurora arena as supplied by Clerk "Jimmy" Willis for the past two years of operation. 1943-44 season: receipts, \$577.74; arena expense without debenture payment, \$331.58. The receipts are net after manager's fees are out. 1944-45 season: receipts, \$1,278.40; arena expense, \$1,307.07. The expense includes all repairs made but does not include the annual debenture payment.  
Each year the town pays around \$1,400 by way of retiring the rink cost. This, however,

will be written off in seven or eight years. Next year Aurora will be faced with extensive repairs to the rink. Only in the years when Aurora had a winning junior hockey team or there were large games, were the receipts sufficient for debenture payments. That a municipal arena is an asset beyond mere measurement in dollars and cents goes without saying. The return in character building, healthful recreation and checking juvenile delinquency is something that can not be assessed by figures.  
Simcoe is planning a new artificial arena as part of its community war memorial effort and just to show that action can be obtained, consider the fact that the plans were only decided upon in the summer and already over \$45,000 has been raised by public subscription. The objective is \$55,000 and those charged with the responsibility of seeing it raised say they will have that amount by Christmas. Peterborough, Kitchener and Tillsonburg are other places well advanced towards community memorials. At the recent elections Cobourg approved by a vote of 673-189 the building of a new rink (natural ice) by the municipality.  
Home from overseas and back in the hockey whirl again is Harry Milroy, ace centre of Sutton Greenshirts for many years who, like Leon Smith and Herb Burchall, who carried the Sutton load for many years, was not in Canada when Sutton won its title. "Whammy", who hails from Highland Creek, broke in to junior hockey with Markham but played the best hockey of his career with the Greenshirts. He was also a nifty softball player. Cliff Chapman, one of Ontario's most promising young riders when he enlisted with the R.C.A.F., is home. Cliff hasn't done any riding since he went overseas but still has his wheel, although he says it's all over so far as racing is concerned.  
Jake Koning, Richmond Hill, better known in softball as "Jake the Umpire", is home in the Hill after three years of action during which time he won himself three pips. Henry Hollingshead, who played steady if not spectacular hockey for Schomberg, is back ready to play for Bob Moody once again despite harrowing experiences.  
Aub Marshall, who provided local color and substituted manfully for the Newmarket Redmer in '33, is another who made it back before yuletide. Ginger Hall once again is proving himself one of the best goalies in captivity by sparking Uptowns in the Ravina circuit. Hall will be remembered as the victim of

## SNOW FLAKES

By GOLDEN GLOW

Everybody seems to think we must have snow for Christmas if it is to be a really truly Christmas. In our young days we associated Christmas with sleigh bells and Santa smothered in furs, to say nothing of his white whiskers! Sparkling, crisp snow and a full moon or at least bright, twinkling stars are all necessary and, of course, the evergreen Christmas tree! Always we trim our Christmas tree with imitation snow for snow flakes seem to typify something connected with the spirit of Christmas.

I am writing this on Saturday, Dec. 15, to have it in early according to the wishes of Mr. Editor, and as I wrote those words "the spirit of Christmas," like a flash the thought came, "oh, I do hope nothing interferes with our listening on December 22 to the Mayor Of The Town broadcast when Lionel Barrymore has promised to again, as so often in past years, read Charles Dickens' Christmas Carol. Nobody seems to read it like Barrymore unless, perhaps, Maurice Boddington, former announcer over CFRB.

If we haven't as yet acquired the spirit of Christmas, then it surely is because we have no time to listen, for carol singing is a special feature of so many radio broadcasts these days and our own town can supply us if we have no time for the radio

that fluke shot of Don "Brains" Wilson which eliminated national juniors from the O.H.A. play-downs in 1933. Ten years later he was in the nets for Sutton Greenshirts in their successful O.H.A. quest. Last year he played mercantile but announced earlier this season he would retire. It was Bill Stirling who coached Toronto Army last winter and Earl Holmes, ex-senior impressario who lured Ginger back to action.

Saw Rhys Thomson, ex-Toronto army defenceman and former Leaf now in action at Varsity arena, sporting a busted proboscis from rugged hockey. The classic Thomson nose will be o.k., however, having been well set and Thomson still carries on with a guard.

Horace Kendall, coach of the St. Andrew's College basketball and hockey teams, says that Richmond Hill high have a powerhouse basketball team assembled for high school competition this season. The Hill boys took the measure of the Andean prep school entry who generally are a little better than the leading high school teams. Barry Colford, well-known young track star, along with Bill Neal are the leading lights on the Hill cage team. The Aurora and Newmarket entries will be well advised to watch out for the Hill this year according to Mr. Kendall. The basketball league gets under way on January 14 and there are ten hectic weeks of play carded. The schedule is published elsewhere in the paper.

Fort Wayne Zollners the world's basketball champions, are listed to appear in Toronto on January 16 in Maple Leaf Gardens in a big charity affair that will give basketball its biggest moment in the Queen City. They will meet Rochester Royals. On the same bill of fare will be a clash between Toronto Varsity and Western U, another dynamite affair. We advise you to order tickets early for it should attract a big house. Basketball players, actual and would-be, as well as officials from the district would be especially advised to attend. Seeing is believing when it comes to these American teams.

Billy Taylor, who last year was the toast of Newmarket town, appears to be coming into his own again after a sorry start with the Leafs. It is no secret that Taylor and owner, Connie Smythe, are not lovey-dovey but more or less on the outs and Taylor would not be unhappy elsewhere. He would have just about had his wish a few weeks back except for Happy Day who has a yen for Billy the Kid and for the fact that when a team or owner wants to dispose of a player they set a price tag hardly warranted. Taylor won himself quite a district following last season and there are many who are pulling for Bill to unloose himself and rate back to pre-war form.

First Christmas card we received came from Chari Holmes, former Newmarket hockey and softball chieftain, now located at Stratford. His card reads: "May Christmas truly warm your heart; Good friends remembering, too, help make this special time of year a pleasant time for YOU". We always get a big lift out of receiving greetings from those who are only separated from us by mileage. We always get a big kick out of those handshakes and cheery greetings which abound at Noel, if not all the year round. We like to meet with friends tried and true to help prepare that tree for our pride and joy, to admire your tree too. We can smell that turkey now. Hear those bells! We like to think we've got something original to say each year but there's nothing much that can take the place of MERRY CHRISTMAS from the bottom of the heart to you, and you, and YOU.

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### LOVE'S INTERCESSION (Capt. Arthur Robinson, "Salvation Army")

"Then said Jesus: 'Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.'—Luke 23-24.

Jesus must have been in a terrible state of suffering and exhaustion when He spoke these words. True, the horrors of crucifixion had only begun; yet the scourging with leaded thongs was enough to bring man to the verge of death; certainly to a state of weakness and agony that would excuse self-pity. Christ had endured the mocking; the double trial following desertion and betrayal.

We may say reverently, speaking of Jesus as a man, that these words were the result of habit. What a man says or does at a supreme moment in life depends largely on habits he has formed. A selfish coward who has indulged in selfishness all his days pushes before others out of the burning building or sinking ship; the hero is not created at the moment; he was in the making long before. So with Christ.

His unselfish existence upon earth made it possible to forget Himself even as the nails tore His flesh. He must have realized His utter helplessness; His hands so often obedient to His will to heal and bless men were powerless. When He healed the high priest's servant, it was the last act with His hands on earth. He could do no more. Yet the passion for "others" fills His soul.

His deep pity and love that foresees the results to these men for what they do bursts all around. He yet uses His Spiritual power to bless them and the tender words: "Forgive them" come straight from His heart.

These words were the commencement of His priestly intercession. Verily: He lost no time. Even as He presented the sacrifice He pleaded its virtue; henceforth He "liveth to make intercession."

Oh how the world is cold, indifferent, rejectful and scornful, yet He pleads for them, pleads on. He liveth the life of Heaven to plead for men. "Father forgive" is still His cry.

He was anxious we should learn to forgive also or He would not have said in the model prayer: "Forgive — as we forgive." But do we? Brooding over injuries received is not forgiving. We must not only forgive but we must forget. How often we remember the hurts and pity ourselves, brood over them, tell others about them, tell others we forgive but still remember the unkindness. This is not true forgiveness. We often tell of our helplessness to human souls. We have done our best yet failed. Ah! glimpse the nails again. Yet Christ prays, "Forgive them Father, they know not what they do." He used a weapon that shook Heaven, prayer. We too may intercede.

Standing true to our priest, Christ Jesus, we too may plead for men. Do you use this power? Are you praying for the wandering son or daughter? Do you still pray for souls? Where is your passion? Are you content to let people slip down to Hell? What does the picture of the Saviour praying for you, "Father forgive," mean to you? What love, what compassion. He is interceding for you. Will you not ask Him to forgive you? He will.

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## SHARON SOLDIER WEDS OVERSEAS

The marriage took place at St. Mary's, Addington, England, on Thursday, Nov. 22, of Gnr. William Russell Breen, Sharon, and Elsie Marion Willis, W.A.A.F., only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Percival Willis of Pleasant Grove, Shirley, England.

Rev. F. W. Greenaway officiated.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, was dressed in a turquoise blue suit with brown hat and accessories. She wore a spray of orchids. Her bridesmaid was ACW Audrey Gatt and Gnr. K. Atkinson of Sault Ste. Marie attended the groom. A reception was held at the home of the bride following which the happy couple left for their honeymoon at Bournemouth.

Gnr. Breen has been overseas three years with the Royal Canadian Artillery.

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM LESLIE BOSWORTH, LATE OF THE TOWN OF NEWMARKET, IN THE COUNTY OF YORK, GENTLEMAN, DECEASED.

Creditors of the above-named deceased, who died at the Township of Whitelock, in the County of York, on or about the 20th day of August, 1945, are hereby notified pursuant to The Trustee Act to send to the undersigned proof of their claim on or before the 15th day of January, 1946, after which date the assets of the Estate will be distributed having regard only to the claims of which the undersigned will then have notice.

DATED at Newmarket this Thirtieth day of December, A.D. 1945.

Mathews, Silver, Lyons & Vale, Newmarket, Ontario, Solicitors for Rene Denne Bosworth, administratrix.

# A Christmas Masquerade

By C. C. CUDNEY

Michael Parker slid into his Santa Claus suit with a groan. It had been a long, hard day and the stretch from seven to nine remained before the big department store would close.

Seated on his throne, he glanced resignedly down the long line approaching him. It was then that he saw her. The sight made him choke with emotion and his voice trembled when he spoke to the youngsters. Her turn came at last and he took her on his knee as he had done the others. "What's your name, little girl?" he asked in his gruffest voice.

"Marianne Parker," she answered softly.

"What would you like for Christmas?"

The answer was given instantly. "A doll and a carriage and . . . uh . . ." Marianne hesitated and poked a finger in Santa's padded stomach. " . . . is it real?" she asked.

Michael Parker had no answer to this and she looked up into his face. Suddenly she burst into tears. He longed to tear off his false whiskers and tell her that everything would be alright now. But instead he said, "What's the matter Marianne?"

"I want my daddy to come home," she sobbed. "I want that more than a doll or anything." "Well, that's a pretty large order," said Santa, "but I'll see what I can do."

Out in the brisk night air Michael Parker regretted having fought with Wilson. The incident paraded across his memory, as it had a thousand times in the past few weeks. After months of studying and planning, he had gone to Wilson, the plant manager, with a scheme that was sure-fire for speeding up plane production. Wilson was brusque.

"You stick to your engineering," he said. "I'll worry about production."

After telling Wilson, among other things, that he was the plant's biggest bottleneck, Parker angrily went home. Bitter and restless, he had gone away three weeks ago, telling Elsie, his wife, that he was out to get a real job.

But no one would take him

without a release. As the days passed he longed intensely to be with his family again but pride would not let him return a failure. Finally, funds running low, he took the job as Santa Claus for the Christmas holidays.

Snow was beginning to fall. Last minute shoppers were thinning out. He walked aimlessly among them, wondering where he could go, knowing that home, tonight of all nights, was out of the question.

Suddenly he remembered the words of a child who had sat on his knee that afternoon. When Michael, as Santa Claus, had asked him what he wanted for Christmas he had replied, "It doesn't matter. Even Christmas doesn't seem to matter any more. I just came here to keep up my mom's spirit." He paused. "There won't be any real Christmas for me until my pop comes home. He's in Africa, you know."

All at once Michael Parker realized that he, not Wilson, was the bottleneck.

With Elsie in his arms he murmured, "I've come back the same as I left—a fool, a complete fool."

"Well, not a complete fool," she countered with a smile. "Wilson telegraphed. He wants to know if you can be in Monday morning to supervise the setting up of your new system."

"But how did you know that I'd be here?"

Marianne ran out from her

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bedroom and threw her arms around his waist. "I told mother," she announced.

An amused twinkle came into Michael Parker's eyes. "Oh, I see. I suppose you asked Santa Claus to send me home?"

"No."

"Well, that's strange. That's exactly what happened."

Marianne giggled. "Daddy," she said, "the next time you try to fool anyone you had better

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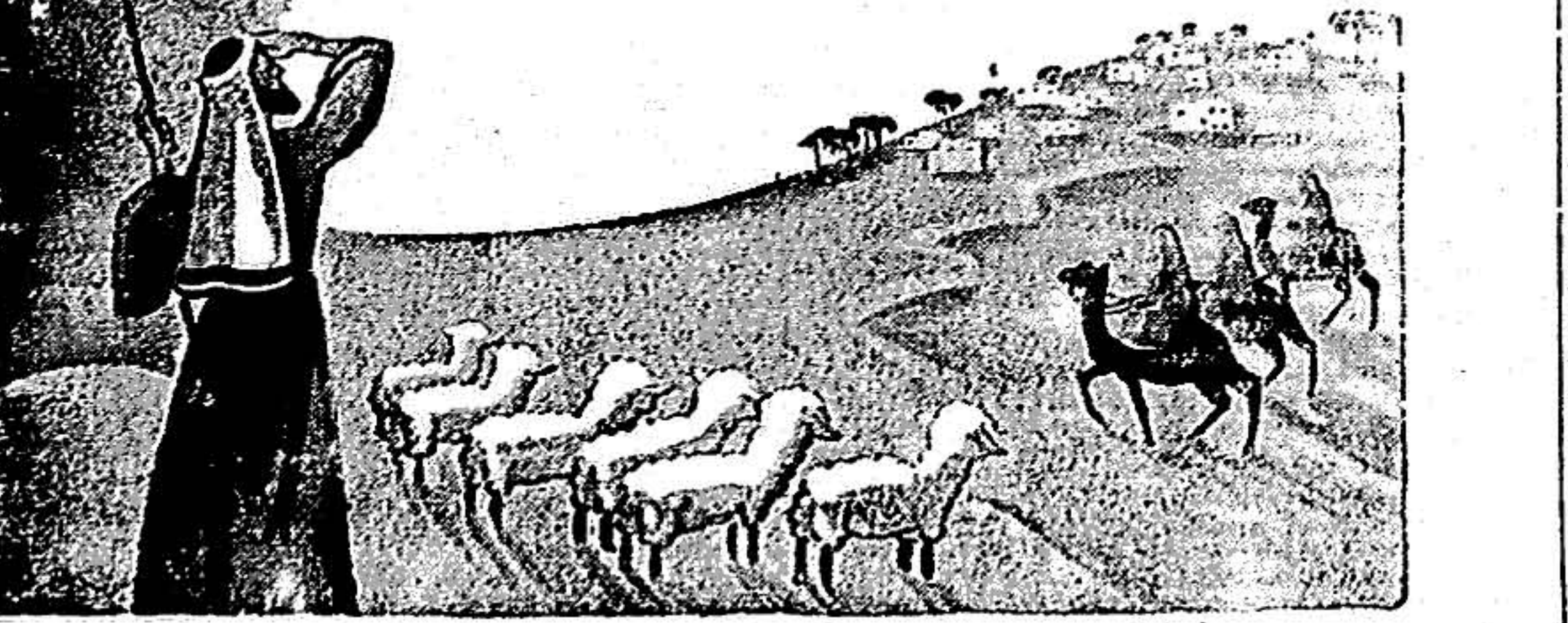
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**GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES**

More than any other people on earth the Canadian people have much to be thankful for this Christmas Day. On this beloved anniversary we can proclaim our loyalty to the standards of our land — written down by great citizens of the past for all posterity, inspired by the teachings of the great Saviour whose birth we celebrate. Those are the standards of liberty, equality and unselfishness, by which we can forever live in happiness . . . for which we have fought, against the powerful forces of greed, tyranny and hate.

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**Birthplace of Jesus Said In Rocky Cave**

The "stable" in which Christ was born does not conform to the modern conception of the word. In Biblical times, places of shelter were hewn in rocky ledges: Judean travellers, frequently housed in such caves, welcomed joint tenancy with beasts because of the extra warmth provided by animals' bodies.

The birthplace of Jesus was such a cave. Now a grotto beneath Bethlehem's Church of the Nativity, the entire surface has been elaborately ornamented. Pilgrims to the shrine often wish, nonetheless reverently, that its original simplicity might have been preserved in which eternal stars

"Looked down where He lay  
The little Lord Jesus  
Asleep in the hay."

**DECORATIVE SHADOWS**

To achieve a colorful decorative effect, take a bowl of pine branches and make it "spill" backward toward the wall. Bright light from clear-glass Christmas lamps, either bunched in a bowl or concealed from view behind the bowl, create lovely shadow patterns. The shadows may be tinted by adding one or more larger lamps of contrasting color.

The Newmarket Era and Express office is open Saturday afternoons from 2 to 4 o'clock for the benefit of out of town patrons.

**AT U.F.O. SHAREHOLDERS' MEETING**



Mrs. W. H. Wilmut, Sharon, left, and Mrs. J. S. Amos, Woodstock, former presidents of the now dissolved United Farm Women of Ontario, discuss the past of the annual meeting of the shareholders of the United Farmers' Co-Operative Co. recently.

**THE COMMON ROUND CHURCH ON WHEELS**  
By ISABEL INGLIS COLVILLE

At Pine Orchard, a little white church for many, many years has withstood the storms and sunshine, the heat and cold, all the vicissitudes of the Canadian climate.

It was a quiet looking little building which never seemed as if it were looking for or was fitted for adventure. Yet it started out as a Friends meeting house, and spent its first years in the silent, meditative atmosphere common to the Friends services. No doubt the decisions reached here, the words of scripture and of admonition heard there, influenced the lives of all in the community it so faithfully served.

Then the great majority of Friends moved elsewhere, but the little white church's services did not stop. It became the centre for a community church service, and till a new church was built, nobly did it fulfil its mission.

When the new church was built, it stood apart, a little like a white-haired elder who, seeing his work done, retires into the

background to give place to the more youthful workers. Then just as it was settling down to the peace of age, it suddenly "renewed its youth like the eagle" and decided to go travelling.

Each Sunday, we, who attend the new church, watched the preparations for that trip; the raising of it on to big beams, the bracing of the interior and any weak parts.

Then one day Mrs. Elmer Starr telephoned me that the church was on the move. Quickly the word spread and there were not many on its line of march that did not watch with somewhat wistful eyes its slow progress toward another sphere of influence. I had never thought of it as big, but when I saw the road being cleared for its advance, and looked at it moving slowly and with a certain majesty along the road, its windows sparkling in the crisp winter air and sunshine, it seemed huge.

To many who watched it, it was a milestone in the history of the community — something of history, sentiment and influence was, leaving them — and no one sees an old and valuable friend depart without keen regret.

Of late years, the church has echoed to songs of praise, carols, Easter hymns, hymns of praise and hymns of supplication and penitence. And speaking of carols — for they seem ever near us these days of Advent — I saw a very lovely thing at our Women's Institute Christmas meeting last week.

We had been singing one of the more lusty carols, and a little girl frightened by the full-throated chorus, started to cry. Then we sang Silent Night. One had to see the change to believe it. The child's distressed expression smoothed out, the tears stopped, and she stood beside her mother quietly listening and smiling. I heard a minister the other morning say "Silent Night was Christmas in song."

But to go back to our little white church. Attended by all manner of helpers, it moved along quiet country roads and through a busy town, dominating traffic and then, settling quietly down in its appointed place to a new life of work and worship.

We wish it well — once ours, but ours no longer — little white church, and pray that within its walls peace and comfort for needy souls may ever be found.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
TOWN OF NEWMARKET

NOTICE OF A PROPOSED BY-LAW FOR STOPPING UP PORTIONS OF CONCESSION ROAD, BEING PART OF THE ROAD ALLOWANCE BETWEEN CONCESSIONS ONE AND TWO, IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WHITCHURCH, AND ALSO A STRIP OF LAND LYING NORTH OF LOT SEVEN, PLAN 125 FOR NEWMARKET, AND A LANE RUNNING EASTERLY FROM CONCESSION ROAD TO CHARLES STREET, AND FOR SELLING THE SOIL AND FREEHOLD OF THE PORTIONS OF THE ROAD, LAND AND LANE SO STOPPED UP.

TAKE NOTICE that at a meeting of the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the Town of Newmarket, to be held on Friday, the twenty-eighth day of December, 1945, at 5 p.m., consideration will be given by the Council to the passing of a proposed by-law to stop up that part of Concession Road, being part of the Road Allowance between Concessions One and Two, in the Township of Whitchurch, and a strip of land lying North of Lot Seven, Plan 125, Newmarket, more particularly described as follows: FIRSTLY, That part of said Concession Road lying between the production Westerly of the North limit of Lot Number Seven on the West side of Charles Street, according to Plan registered as Number 125 for Newmarket, and Queen Street.

SECONDLY, Part of the said Concession Road, and of a strip of land lying North of Lot Seven, according to Plan 125 for Newmarket, more particularly described as follows: COMMENCING at the North east angle of said Lot Seven, Plan 125, THENCE West along the North Limit of said Lot and its production, westerly to the West limit of Concession Road sixty-six feet, THENCE North seventy-three degrees thirty-six minutes East thirty-six feet six and one-half inches, THENCE South parallel to the West limit of said Concession Road twenty-four feet, THENCE North seventy-three degrees thirty-six minutes East parallel to the North limit of Lot Seven, Plan 125, to the production Northerly of the East limit of said Lot Seven, THENCE along said production south forty-two feet to the place of beginning.

AND ALSO to stop up a lane running Easterly from Concession Road to Charles Street, having a uniform width of twenty feet and lying between: Lot Number Ten and Lots Numbers Eleven and Twelve, on the West side of Charles Street, according to Plan registered as Number 123 for the Town of Newmarket.

AND at the said meeting, the Council will hear in person, or by his counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his land will be prejudicially affected by the by-law and who applies to be heard.

DATED AT NEWMARKET this fifth day of December, 1945.  
WESLEY BROOKS,  
CLERK.

THE NEWMARKET ERA AND EXPRESS, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20TH, 1945

**COLORFUL LEGENDS SURROUND REINDEER**

Reindeer figure often in northern myth and folklore. One version of the legend of Wavland, the smith, Wayland and his two brothers leave Finland for the south on their reindeer-drawn sleighs. The mountain elves try to stop them and Wavland's brothers lash their reindeer to force them by the elves. Angry because the three are deserting their homes, but even more because of the blows given the patient deer, the elves curse the two brothers, singing: "Because Slagfid struck his reindeer Because Eigel struck his reindeer Our hatred shall follow you." Wavland they also curse for leaving Finland, but because "he struck not his reindeer" the curse is milder. The two brothers die violently and tragically, but Wayland, after many troubles, wins back the wife he had lost and becomes the "Smith of the Gods."

**BOXING DAYS**

In England, Boxing day — usually Dec. 26 — formerly was the day when the old squire distributed Christmas boxes to the help on their estates. It has since become a sort of legalized blackmail — an excuse for delivery boys, the postman and others who have served you during the year to call and collect a tip.

**SPRINKLED WITH WINE**

Zenicians of Bosnia burn their Yule logs a day later than the rest of Europe. Just before sunrise the father drags the log in to the home. As he enters the door he is doused with wine. The log itself is sprinkled with kernels of corn to assure the family a bountiful crop in summer.

**WORLD'S LARGEST CABLE SHIP**

The launching of the United Kingdom's postal service's latest acquisition, the cable ship Monarch, took place recently in the presence of the postmaster general, Lord Listowel. The ship is equipped with the most up to date equipment for laying deep-sea cables and is probably the largest ship of its kind. It is 480 feet long and is fitted with four cable tanks having a capacity of 170,000 cubic feet.

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**Dad is home again!**

Christmas candles will burn brighter this year and Christmas turkeys have a new and special flavour for the thousands of Canadians who will be sitting down to their first Christmas dinner with the family circle complete. And many a childish face will glow in the candlelight because "dad" takes his place at the head of the table again — with his strange tales from Italy, from France, Germany or the Pacific.

But even as the candles are lit and the heaped plates go round, Canadians will pause and remember — remember those family groups that will never be complete — those thousands of desolate and homeless in Europe — that great army of children who have been frightened and hurt and starved by a war not of their making.

Let us therefore make a solemn resolve never again to allow the powers of darkness — greed, selfishness and mistrust — to put out the candles of Christmas, those brave lights that symbolize the warm love and kindness that came into the world two thousand years ago.



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## GIFTS OF GOLD

By KARIN ASBRAND

"Even today, as in the days of old, we are sometimes blessed with gifts of gold."

Miss Letty read the inscription over a life-size picture of the manger scene.

The sight of bright tinsel decorations, the sound of carols and the smell of holly and fir on the crisp air between the stores filled her with a nostalgia that almost unnerved her.

She had intended to shed 20 years of her life like a worn cloak, forgetting that she had

spent her best days making a heaven on earth for her crippled mother so that her knight had worried of waiting. Now she was going shopping for a family that had never been hers except in her thoughts, a plain little girl with pigtails and freckles and a sturdy small boy with pudgy hands and round, expectant eyes.

She wondered what Larry Haines was doing. Poor Larry! She wished she might have said "yes" to his persistent wooing. The girl with whom he had run off had not bothered to make a decent home for him. Finally they had moved from town and Miss Letty had quite lost track of them.

Recalling that she had come to town to pretend, she made a frenzied dash to the toy department. She began to buy recklessly, getting into the spirit of her game.

"I'll find someone to give them to," she thought. Maybe I can borrow a couple of children from an orphanage just for Christmas.

On the way home she stopped to buy a tree and some bright decorations. At the grocer's she gave an order that made that good man's eyes nearly pop out of his head.

Leaving the store behind, loneliness swept over her. The house would be dark when she got home. Maybe the fire would be out, too.

She peered into the gathering dusk. Somebody was there waiting on the front veranda of the rambling old mansion. She hastened her steps. A man stepped forward out of the shadows, a child clinging to each hand.

"Letty," he said. "It's Larry!"

"Land sakes!" she exclaimed. "You gave me a turn. Come in out of the cold."

She hustled them indoors and turned to take a good look as she switched on the lights. It was indeed Larry, older and grayer, but trim and neat in a navy uniform. There stood her dream children, a plain little girl with pigtails and freckles, and a sturdy small boy with pudgy hands and round eyes brimming with tears.

"I want my mummy," he sobbed.

"His mother is dead," explained Larry.

"I thought, Letty," said the man, "that maybe you could look out for them a little. See, I've joined the navy. I've got to go and I hate to leave Letty and Jackie to almost anybody."

Miss Letty gulped and sat down suddenly in the rocker, gathering the little fellow into her arms.

"Gifts of gold," she murmured.

"at Christmas."

"Many's the time I've dreamed of seeing you like that," he said, reaching for one of her hands. She noticed how thin he was. How thin the children were, too, and how inadequate their clothing. "I haven't got much, Letty," he began, "but whatever I've got is yours if you want it."

Still holding the small figure in her arms, she rose to open the door to the kitchen. The house radiated warmth and good cheer. "Fine," she said gently. "Welcome home, children. We'll have baths and supper and then we'll trim the tree."

Larry's eyes caressed her. "Maybe, if I could get the license we could be married before I go off."

"Maybe we could, Larry?" His arms were suddenly around her and the child, his lips warm against her cheek. Little Letty clasped her hands.

"Such a Christmas we are going to have!" she cried.

"Even today," quoted Miss Letty, remembering the inscription, "as in days of old, we are sometimes blessed with gifts of gold."

## MATCHLESS FREE ENTERPRISE

By ORVILLE GANTON

A shortage of matches in a country in which people are getting lost in the woods every day is enough to make a man hot, mean and mad. I'm a great booster of the old fashioned, corny, wooden kitchen match, which are the best. They burn longer; they're safe and they cost less than the paper strike-on-the-box kind. You will find about two dozen kitchen matches in my vest pocket any time you care to investigate. During the hot weather, when I go vestless, you find them in my right pant's pocket.

One day in the city, a soldier turned from his beautiful date and asked for a match. I obliged. He looked at my gift with a smile that implied I belonged in the last century. "Look," he said to his girl, holding up my lone and modest match, "corn — right off the farm."

Chivalry on my part was all that saved that smart alex from a sound lecture on the virtues of the homely, unpretentious, efficient, economical kitchen match. I hold they are superior to any other fire-maker, including the expensive mechanical gadgets.

Last summer I happened to be sitting at a ball game. To my left was a C.W.A.C. "May I have a light please?" she asked. It happened I had just mooched a book of paper matches from an absent-minded friend, so I handed the young woman the book. She tore out one, set her cigaret on fire and kept the rest. It would have been uncouth to ask for the return of my property, so I let the matter drop. If I'd handed her a single kitchen match, I'd have been out only one match, whereas, her act of expropriation had cost me 20 paper matches. See what I mean. Our per capita match bill amounts to only six mills a week so one mustn't squawk when a C.W.A.C. keeps the entire book. I have the same trouble with lead pencils and books. The only books I have left in my book-case are those that I borrowed.

## NORMA STEVENSON DECEMBER BRIDE

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Rye, Keswick, was the scene of a pretty wedding on Saturday, Dec. 8, when Norma, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Stevenson, Roche's Point, became the bride of Kenneth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Smockum, Sandford. Rev. Gorr-Lapp officiated.

The living-room was tastefully decorated for the occasion with an arch of evergreens, silver bells, pink and white 'mums and snapdragons.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, looked lovely in a street-length dress of white English wool with a corsage of red roses. The bridesmaids were the sisters of the bride, Irma, in a powder blue wool dress, with a corsage of pink carnations, and Rheta in a rosewood wool dress, with a corsage of pink 'mums.

Clarence Smockum, brother of the groom, was best man.

Miss Phyllis Rye played the wedding music, and during the signing of the register, Miss Marlene Rye sang "O Perfect Love."

The pianist and soloist were dressed alike in rose wool with black velvet.

The bride's mother received the guests wearing a black sheer dress trimmed with sequins, and a corsage of pink snapdragons. She was assisted by the groom's mother who wore a black sheer dress with lime green trim and a corsage of pink snapdragons. A buffet luncheon was served to about 50 guests.

The happy couple left on a honeymoon trip for Niagara Falls and Buffalo, N.Y., and points south of the border amid showers of confetti and best wishes.

For going away the bride wore a black wool coat with black and lime green accessories. On their return they will live at Sandford.

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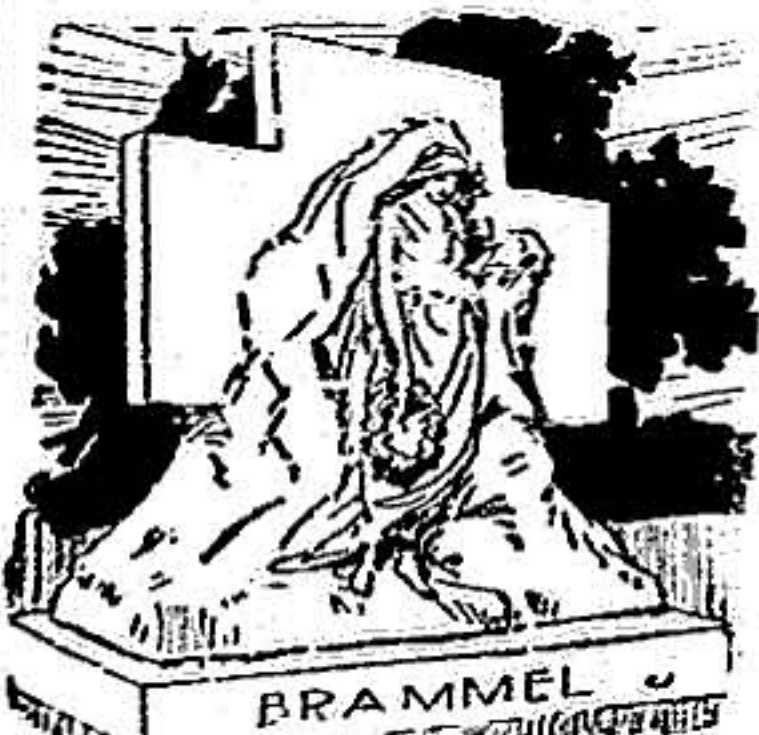
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**ELMHURST BEACH  
THOMAS HAYES HAS  
85TH ANNIVERSARY**

The Elmhurst Beach Women's  
Institute met at Mrs. Fred  
Lockerbie's home on Wednesday,  
Dec. 5. A paper on the atomic  
bomb was read by Mrs. A.  
Smith.

The lucky ticket for the In-  
stitute quilt was drawn at the  
dance on Dec. 14. Mrs. Faherty,  
Toronto, was the lucky winner.  
Around \$70 was made from the  
sale of tickets.

The Grand Chapter of Ontario,  
Order of the Eastern Star, was  
held in a Toronto hotel for four  
days last week. Mrs. Jack Hirst  
and Mrs. Coulson Cameron at-  
tended.

Those who attended the ban-  
quet and dance in Toronto,  
Tuesday, Dec. 11, were: Misses E.  
Young and Mary Young, Mrs.  
Fred Summerville, Mrs. Ethan  
Morton, Mrs. Fred Lockerbie and  
Les. Lockerbie, Mr. and Mrs.  
Jack Hirst, Mrs. Ralph Holborne,  
Mrs. Art Greig, Mrs. Angus  
Smith and Mrs. Arthur Dawson.  
Mrs. Selby Sedore is feeling  
better after her illness of the  
past two weeks. Mrs. James  
Balshaw is also on the recover-  
ing list.

A dance is being held in Bel-  
haven Dec. 28, under the aus-  
pices of the Order of the Eastern  
Star. The lucky ticket for the  
Mossfield wool blanket will be  
drawn at the dance.

Mr. Thomas Hayes celebrated  
his 85th birthday on Nov. 26.

**ELMHURST BEACH  
LODGE HAS BANQUET  
INSTALLS OFFICERS**

The following officers were in-  
stalled at Sharon Masonic Lodge  
on Tuesday evening, Dec. 11, by  
Very Worshipful Brother Robt.  
Weir and his board: W.M. Wm.  
Dyer; S.W., Art Dawson; J.W.,  
Art Pollock; S.D., Rev. Gordon  
Lapp; J.D., Allen Cowieson; S.S.,  
Lorne Cowieson; J.S., Terry  
Doane; I.G., Ralph Holborne;  
teller, Wm. Purdy; I.P.M., Art  
Greig; sec., Russell Strasser;  
treas., Percy Mahoney; director  
of ceremonies, Willard Cole.

A banquet followed in Sharon  
hall, with 65 members and vis-  
itors in attendance.

**WILLOW BEACH**

Everyone was glad to welcome  
home Pte. Murray Sinclair, who  
has been stationed in B.C. for the  
past two years.

The Willow Beach Sunday-  
school is holding its Christmas  
concert on Thursday, Dec. 20, at  
8 o'clock at Mrs. W. Thompson's.

Miss Helen Huntley is taking a  
school in Belleville after the  
Christmas holidays.

Carol McNeill gave an inter-  
esting paper on peace at the Bel-  
haven W.I. meeting on Tuesday,  
Dec. 12. It was enjoyed by all  
who heard it.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Speers, Gov-  
ernanda, spent the weekend with  
Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Martin.

**PINE ORCHARD**

Beth Johnston entertained  
friends at a birthday party on  
Thursday.

The east group of the Women's  
Institute met at the home of Mrs.  
Ross Armitage on Tuesday, Dec.  
11. The ladies decided to send  
a box of clothing and food to a  
family in Holland. The roll-call  
was answered by naming a great  
woman. A reading on Princess  
Elizabeth was given by Mrs. W.  
J. McCallum, a paper on the  
Sharon temple by Mrs. Ross  
Armitage, a historical quiz by  
Mrs. Geo. Wood and a reading on  
the Life of Carrie Jacobs Bond  
by Miss Aletha Widdifield. Mrs.  
Wm. Reid was in charge of the  
program.

The meeting was in the charge  
of the historical research com-  
mittee, Mrs. A. Lloyd, Mrs. W. J.  
McCallum, Mrs. W. Reid, Miss  
Aletha Widdifield and Mrs. Ross  
Armitage.

Pte. Douglas Hale, son of Mr.  
and Mrs. E. Hale, Cedar Valley,  
arrived home from overseas on  
Thursday night.

Roy Pyle, R.C.N.V.R., and  
Delbert Dike, R.C.A.F., have re-  
ceived their discharges.

There was a good attendance  
at the white gift service at the  
Union church on Sunday, Dec.  
16. Rev. S. H. Warren, Aurora,  
was in charge of the service.

The generous donations of white  
gifts will be forwarded to a mis-  
sion in Toronto.

A candlelight service will be  
held at the Union church on Sun-  
day evening, Dec. 23, at 7.30.  
Rev. R. R. McMath will be in  
charge of the service. There will  
be special musical selections by  
the choir, under the leadership of  
Mrs. Geo. Wood and Mr. A. M.  
Colville. Sunday-school scholars  
will take part.

LAC Howard Lehman, St. Hu-  
bert, Que., was at home for a few  
days recently. Mrs. Lehman  
and children have moved to the  
house vacated by Mr. and Mrs.  
Chas. Brandon, Jr.

Mrs. George Thompson has re-  
turned home from York County  
hospital.

Christmas greetings to all!

**ANSNORVELD  
CBC MAKES RECORD  
FOR MOTHER COUNTRY**

The C.B.C. made a recording  
here on Saturday to be used in  
the Netherlands on Christmas  
Day. The half-hour broadcast  
includes Dutch songs by the  
Dutch choir, a speech by Mr. J.  
Rupke and personal greetings to  
relatives in Holland.

Mr. K. Minnega has left to  
visit his relatives in U.S.A.

Mr. C. Rupke, The Hague, Hol-  
land, is here visiting his parents,  
Mr. and Mrs. J. Rupke.

Mr. Rupke is on a special  
mission for the Dutch govern-  
ment and one of the first civil-  
ians to reach here from Europe.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Fisher are  
visiting friends in Hamilton.

Miss J. Turkstra, Hamilton,  
was visiting Mr. and Mrs. S.  
Fisher during the week.

Classifieds usually bring re-  
sults.

**MAGISTRATE'S COURT  
REMAND GIVEN ON  
INCOME TAX CHARGES**

Appearing on charges of in-  
fringing on prices board regula-  
tions, W. Vail, Keswick, David  
Pivnick, Sutton West, and W. E.  
Purdy were remanded at their  
request to January 4 at magis-  
trate's court here Friday. Magis-  
trate W. E. McIlveen presided.

Wm. J. Porter, Cedar Brae,  
was also remanded on a charge  
of failure to make income tax  
returns for 1942. The remand  
followed the accused's assertion  
that he had sent in his returns  
and that he had the duplicate  
form at home.

N. L. Mathews, K.C., acting for  
the crown, produced documents  
sworn to by the keeper of the  
records at Ottawa to the effect  
that there was no record of re-  
turns being filed by accused and  
that a letter had been sent warn-  
ing him of the penalty to which  
there had been no reply.

Accused said that he had filed  
his returns in the spring of 1943  
and when informed that his re-  
turns had not been received, had  
filed them again just before  
Christmas in 1944. He said he  
had posted them at Cedar Brae.

When asked if he had made a  
duplicate form, accused replied  
he had but that he hadn't  
brought it with him. He was  
remanded with the condition  
that he bring the duplicate to the  
next hearing.

Harold Milburn was remanded  
for judgment on a charge of  
careless driving while two other  
charges, one of dangerous driv-  
ing and the other failing to have  
his driver's license, were dis-  
missed for lack of evidence.

Accused pleaded not guilty to all  
charges.

The incidents out of which  
the charges arose took place in  
Sutton November 17 around 10.30  
p.m. Constable Wm. Burke test-  
ified he saw accused's car col-  
lide with a car driven by Lloyd  
Hollinger. He said accused's  
car was on the wrong side of the  
road. Accused said that he  
swerved his car to avoid a car  
being backed from a parking  
place on the street. Dismissing  
the dangerous driving charge and  
remanding accused for judgment  
on the careless driving charge,  
Magistrate McIlveen said that  
accused should have applied his  
brakes rather than attempt to  
go around the rear of the car.

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ing business for the past seven  
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who died on or about the 19th  
of September, 1945, are required  
to file proof of same with the  
undersigned solicitor for the ex-  
ecutors on or before 10th of Janu-  
ary, 1946.

After that date the estate will  
be distributed, having regard  
only to the claims of which the  
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Gracie Fields - Monty Woolley  
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**BIRTHDAY CLUB**

Birthday wishes are this week  
extended to:  
Bobby Park, Newmarket, sev-  
en years old on Saturday, Dec.  
8.

Jimmy Ward, Newmarket, two  
years old on Sunday, Dec. 16.  
Blanche Atkinson, Holland  
Landing, 13 years old on Tues-  
day, Dec. 18.

Carol Alva Creed, Newmarket,  
eight years old on Tuesday, Dec.  
18.

Jack Dean, Holland Landing,  
13 years old on Wednesday, Dec.  
19.

John William Merchant,  
Schomberg, two years old on  
Wednesday, Dec. 19.

Carol Joy Foster, Holland  
Landing, seven years old on  
Thursday, Dec. 20.

Margaret Ann Keffer, New-  
market, four years old on Thurs-  
day, Dec. 20.

Ida Thompson, Holland Land-  
ing, 14 years old on Friday, Dec.  
21.

Kenneth Archibald, Schom-  
berg, ten years old on Friday,  
Dec. 21.

Bobby Burch, Newmarket, 12  
years old on Friday, Dec. 21.

Kathleen Edwards, Newmar-  
ket, ten years old on Saturday,  
Dec. 22.

Barbara Gould, Glenville, 12  
years old on Saturday, Dec. 22.

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**ONE BY ONE... MURDER STRUCK  
THEM DOWN TO THE TERRIFYING  
TUNE OF A NURSERY RHYME...**  
**AND THEN  
THERE WERE  
NONE**  
First there were ten  
Then there were nine  
Then there were eight  
Then there were seven  
Then there were six  
Then there were five  
Then there were four  
Then there were three  
Then there were two  
Then there was one  
Then there were none  
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Christmas we're celebrat-  
ing again this year. And  
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peace reigns supreme once  
again. This Christmas as  
we go to church to worship  
in freedom the birth of  
the Christ child, let us of-  
fer a prayer of thanks to  
Him for the peace and hap-  
piness in our hearts. It is  
with much gladness that  
we wish you the joys of  
the holiday season and a  
New Year in which all  
your hopes and desires will  
come true. Thank you for  
your patronage and co-  
operation during the war;  
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tinue serving you in the  
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## AURORA CHILD HIT BY CAR, SERIOUSLY INJURED

Seven-year-old Freddy Barwick lies in a serious condition in York County hospital after being struck by an automobile Monday, Dec. 10. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Barwick, Aurora, he darted from behind a parked Gray Coach bus on Yonge St. and came into the path of a northbound car driven by Clarence Prophet, Peterborough. He was thrown heavily to the pavement and suffered a fractured skull as well as other serious injuries. He was treated by Dr. Crawford Rose and rushed to York County hospital.

Eye-witnesses say the driver had no opportunity to avoid the accident due to cars parked on either side of the road. Chief Constable Fisher Dunham is investigating.

## NEW YEAR'S CONSPIRACY

**WILLIAM CAMPBELL GAULT**  
As they drove up the icy gravel drive between the snow-laden evergreens, Margot asked, "Who are the guests?"

"There'll probably be a mob for dinner," Johnny explained as he opened the car door. "Sis always has a gang in on New Year's day."

Shouts of laughter and singing in the huge living room greeted them as the butler opened the door. Through the archway Margot caught a glimpse of Peg, Johnny's sister.

"Only the young could look forward to another year with such gaiety," she observed with amusement.

"I'm afraid," Margot said, "I couldn't keep up with the general enthusiasm before dinner. Isn't there some place we can observe without being observed?"

Johnny nodded toward a small conservatory opening on the living room. "There's a side door to that through the butler's pantry," he led the way.

Seating her on a love seat screened by a magnificent fern, he left to return with refreshments.

Margot took the glass absently, her eyes on the group around the piano. "Isn't that your Miss Leslie?"

He followed her gaze. A raven-haired, vivacious young girl was accompanying his sister in a duet. His secretary!

He nodded. "She seems a little different away from the office."

"She probably doesn't know you're here," Margot said. "And just what do you mean by that?" Johnny asked.

"Oh, Johnny?" her voice was faintly malicious. "Don't tell me you haven't guessed. Why, the girl is simply delirious about you."

His laugh was spontaneous. "Now who's being romantic?"

"She told me," Margot answered evenly.

Johnny stared, open-mouthed. "Honestly?"

His mind searched back over his three years' association with Miss Leslie. Incident after incident cropped up to bolster Margot's assertion.

"Men are stupid, aren't they?" Margot shook her head slowly. "Only blind."

Johnny looked at his watch. "It's about time for my weekly proposal," he said, grinning.

Margot lighted a cigarette. Through the smoke she said, "And your weekly rejection."

"Well," his voice seemed strangely carefree, "in that case I won't propose."

The couples in the other room were dancing now. Johnny's eyes were following his secretary, moving lithely about the polished floor in perfect accord with the intricate pattern of her partner's steps.

"Graceful, isn't she?" "And beautiful," Margot said. Johnny nodded.

"And young."

He looked over at the words, faintly flushed, aware for the second time that day of the disparity between his age and Margot's.

"But not nearly so beautiful nor so graceful as you." His voice lacked conviction.

Margot bowed primly. "But younger."

Just before dinner, Johnny said, "We really should go in and say 'hello' to Miss Leslie. If she knows we're here she must think us rude."

Margot yawned. "I'm too comfortable. You'd better, though. You know, keep up the old office morale."

Margot watched him as he sauntered a shade too casually over to the group once again around the piano. Even at a distance the eagerness with which the girl greeted him was apparent.

Dinner was announced. Someone suggested, "Just one more song. A song for the new year."

Peg struck an opening chord, the group joined hands and voices lifted in singing Auld Lang Syne. Johnny, his hand increasing his secretary's, was by no means the quietest.

Peg was secretly smiling at Miss Leslie. Miss Leslie's eyes were directed toward the conservatory. "Thanks," she seemed to say to Margot.

## AURORA SIX FOXES BAGGED IN TOWNSHIP HUNT

Six foxes were bagged by 200 hunters under the direction of game wardens of the township on Saturday, according to Township Clerk John Crawford, Whitchurch, who described the hunt as a "success." After assembling at the township hall, the hunters spread out in smaller parties. They advanced on a line about 100 yards apart as a safety precaution. In addition to the foxes, numerous rabbits and ground-hogs were bagged, as well as two owls. A bounty of \$2 was paid for each fox, and the pelt became the possession of the marksman.

## AURORA FORMER RESIDENTS IN MUNICIPAL OFFICE

Grant Mayor, who formerly resided at Vandonf and has a wide acquaintanceship in the district, was elected deputy-revee of Barrie in the recent civic elections held in that town. He had a majority of 131 votes over the former deputy-revee, Charles Christie. Mr. Mayor has been a member of the Barrie council for some years. His wife is the former Ina Richardson of Vandonf.

In Scarboro township, Clifford Hodgkinson, who attended Aurora high school when his parents occupied the Lorne Cousins' farm, was elected school trustee for area 2 of the township.

At Brockville, Major G. Albert Beale, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. George Preston, Vandonf, and a barrister of that city, headed the polls in the election for Brockville's board of education.

## AURORA TAKES OVER THEATRE

Warren Jenkinson, who has been on active service with the R.C.A.F. the past three years, has taken over the management of the Royal theatre and the theatre in Carleton Place, succeeding the late Edward Warren.

## WIN FIRST MATCH

St. Andrew's College firsts made their initial bow of the season a winning one as they defeated Zeta Psi Fraternity 6-1 last week in an exhibition match at Ravina rink. The S.A.C. line-up was: goal, Shortly; def., Eccleston, Taylor; centre, Chipman; wings, Macaulay and Frey; subs., Medland, Rhame, McKenzie.

## AURORA HAS OPERATION

Bill Williams, who recently received his discharge from the army, underwent an appendix operation this week at York County hospital.

## AURORA COUPLE ARE WED DEC. 7

A pretty wedding took place on Friday, Dec. 7, at the home of the bride's parents among a setting of silver, magenta and blue sprayed pine boughs and ferns, when Carol Mavis Sisman, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Sisman, became the bride of Douglas Ernest Clarke, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Clarke, Aurora. Rev. Roy Hicks performed the ceremony and Mrs. C. A. Willis presided at the organ.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, looked lovely in a gown of white taffeta, with dropped shoulder neckline, bouffant skirt, and fingertip veil caught to her head with white ostrich tips. She wore a string of pearls and carried a cascade bouquet of white 'mum petals, red roses and bouvardia. Miss Patricia Sisman was her sister's bridesmaid. She had chosen a gown of powder blue sheer, with dropped shoulder neckline, frilled skirt, and headpiece of blue velvet roses. Her flowers were a cascade bouquet of yellow 'mums, pink carnations, pansies and bouvardia. Eric Bilbrough was best man.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held. Mrs. W. J. Sisman received in grey printed silk with a corsage of pink roses, while Mrs. Clarke, mother of the groom, wore black crepe with sequin trim and a corsage of red roses.

For travelling the bride wore a sky blue wool dress with black accessories. The wedding trip was to Detroit, Mich.

## PURCHASE ESTATE

Robert Ratcliffe and Son, Stouffville, have purchased the George McCormick estate at Vivian in Whitelaw township.

## HAS OPERATION

Mrs. Anne Grieves, Lindsay, former Aurora resident, underwent an operation in a Toronto hospital on Saturday. She is progressing favorably.

## HAS 100TH BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Lucy Metherall, Little Britain, celebrated her 100th birthday on Dec. 12. Mrs. Metherall is known in Aurora as the mother of the late Mrs. A. J. Feren, and the grandmother of the late Mrs. Walter Milgate. Mrs. Ralph Adams, Sudbury, Harold Milgate and Joffre Feren, Aurora, are grandchildren, and Leonard Feren, Aurora, is a great-grandson.

## AURORA RISING SUN LODGE INSTALLS OFFICERS

Wor. Bro. Milton Graham was installed as worshipful master of Rising Sun Masonic lodge at an impressive ceremony on Friday, Dec. 14, in the Masonic hall. Wor. Bro. John G. McDonald was the installing officer. Among the distinguished brethren present were Wor. Bros. Tough and Varty of Toronto and Wilnot of Sutton. Around 70 visitors were present for the occasion.

Officers installed were I.P.M., Delroy Babcock; W.M., Milton Graham; S.W., Frank Lacey; J. W., Herbert Moorby; S.D., William Boaks; J.D., Lyall Sparks; I.G., Clifton Spence; S.S., Rod Smith; J.S., Dr. E. J. Henderson; sec., J. H. Knowles; asst. sec., Ross Linton; treas., J. G. McDonald; chaplain, L. A. H. Green; D. of C., Dr. C. J. Devins; auditors, Wilfred Adams, Ross Linton.

## AURORA FORMER POLICEMAN DIES IN TORONTO

Funeral services were held recently for George Thompson, Toronto, for many years a member of the York county constabulary. Born at Lake Wilcox, he was in his 71st year.

He farmed in King township for some years, and while a member of the York county force, resided in Richmond Hill. He was a member of the United church and had been in ill-health for the past few years.

Rev. James Findlay of Carleton Street United church took the service in Toronto and Rev. Roy Hicks conducted the service at Aurora cemetery. He is survived by his widow, the former Alice Brown, and two daughters, Mrs. Irene Glover, Toronto, and Mrs. Arthur Crean, Richmond Hill, as well as two sisters, Mrs. George Thompson and Mrs. H. Fleury, Aurora. Pallbearers were George and Aubrey Fleury, Earl, Norman, Russell and Harold Thompson, all nephews of the deceased.

## AURORA HAS OPERATION

Mrs. Douglas Bilbrough underwent an operation last week at York County hospital. She is progressing favorably.

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"Amps" of former wars know the difficulties which "amps" of the recent war must face. They have, therefore, planned a permanent Health, Training and Recreation Centre to meet essential needs of war amputation cases.

The new "amp", of course, shares in a splendid governmental programme for the general care and rehabilitation of the war disabled of which we may all be very proud. He also faces unseen handicaps which, by their very nature, are such an intimate and continuing part of his daily life that no official provisions can cover them.

The facilities of the Centre, however, are exactly planned to cover them in the light of the accumulated experience of the "amps" of former wars. They are means by which the "amp" can practise self-reliance measures to lessen the burdensome disadvantages under which he must face the world.

### Unseen Handicaps

The "amp's" unseen handicaps arise from conditions peculiar to his type of disability. He, above all men, needs physical fitness. He, above all men, finds this difficult to maintain.

The physical activities beneficial to others are mostly difficult or impossible to the "amp". For those possible to him he often needs special appliances and special conditions. He naturally shuns public recreation that exposes him to the embarrassing stares of the curious.

Amputation and the wearing of artificial limbs tend to cause other bodily abnormalities and organic troubles of varying seriousness. Summer heat and winter ice and snow alike impose physical and mental strain. Few indeed are the "amps" who never have to fight against discouragement and frustration.

Moreover the physical and mental adjustment to efficient use of wood and metal appliances in place of flesh and blood limbs, contrary to much misleading statement, calls in most cases for long and tedious application and watchfulness under helpful guidance.

### To Help the "Amps" to Help Themselves

The purpose of the Centre is to allow the "amp" to indulge in sports under suitable conditions; to follow "corrective" exercise routines in a specially-equipped gymnasium; to play games and swim in a private pool free from embarrassment; to enjoy steam baths and helpful massage; to learn new skills in work, sports and hobbies; to gain greater efficiency in the use of artificial limbs; to enjoy in fitting surroundings the leisure-hour companionship of successful comrades which can help him so much.

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## AURORA HIGH SCHOOLS SET UP WINTER LEAGUES

North York secondary schools have organized for basketball and hockey for the coming season with Principal James Stewart, Richmond Hill, as president of the league and C. R. Blackstock, Pickering College, as secretary.

In basketball there will be junior and senior series for boys with Pickering College, Newmarket H.S., St. Andrew's College, Aurora H.S. and Richmond Hill H.S. entered in both series. A series for senior and junior girls will be played between Aurora, Newmarket and Richmond Hill schools.

In hockey there will be two groups. Group 1 will consist of Richmond Hill, Aurora and St. Andrew's. Group 2 will consist of Pickering, Newmarket and Sutton continuation school.

It is thought likely a team will be entered from Bradford high school in the same group. As usual, a play-off for district honors will take place between the two groups.

No games in either basketball or hockey will be played until after Christmas. Secretary C. R. Blackstock is preparing the schedules in both sports.

## SIMCOE WEDDING OF LOCAL INTEREST

The marriage of Mary Frances, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence McNamara, Olterville, to John Laurence O'Mahony, Aurora, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert O'Mahony, Townsend township, took place in the Church of Our Lady of LaSalette at Simcoe. Rev. J. F. Fitzpatrick officiated. The wedding music was played by Mrs. W. Pettit and the soloist was Mrs. Emmott Clark.

The bride was given in marriage by her father and was attended by Miss Margaret McNamara, Toronto, her cousin. Edwin O'Mahony, the bridegroom's brother, was groomsmen and the ushers were Parnell McNamara and Joseph O'Mahony. The reception was held in Simcoe and the wedding trip was to Montreal and Quebec City. The couple will live in Aurora.

The groom is employed in the office of Collis Leather Company and returned from overseas a few weeks ago following three years' service with the R.C.A.F.

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